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# PARNELL THOMAS TO BE SENTENCED FOR FRAUD DEC. 9

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## U. S. War Chief Irked by 'Worker' Expose . . .

Stung by the accuracy of this paper's revelations about U. S. plans to rearm re-nazified Western Germany, Defense Secretary Louis Johnson rebuffed questions on the subject from correspondents in Paris, with the reply:

"I am not going to be dragged into that. Whatever I would say would be misquoted by the Daily Worker."

Johnson, of course, has never been misquoted by the Daily Worker. His reluctance on Monday to place himself on the record on this crucial question of German re-arming was seen rather as his recognition that he and the other leaders of the U. S. armed forces have been quoted only too

accurately by the Daily Worker.

Observers also saw in the Defense Secretary's reference to the Daily Worker a sensitive awareness to the fact that newspapers in Europe, and particularly in France, were quick to react

to the Daily Worker's revelations of official U. S. plans for a German army.

The chronology of official double-talk, denials—and outright lies which were exposed by Worker articles explains Johnson's reluctance to be "dragged into

that."

A front-page story by Mel Fiske in the Daily Worker of Nov. 21 revealed that it was Gen. Bradley, chief of the U. S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, who had told newsmen a week previous, in an "off-the-record"

address, that creation of a German army was "desirable from a military point of view."

The Worker story came after Secretary of State Dean Acheson had baldly denied that any such plan

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## . . . Gates Dares Him to Tell Truth

John Gates, editor of the Daily Worker, yesterday challenged Secretary of Defense, Louis Johnson, to tell the truth about the plans for building a western German Army.

Commenting on Johnson's expressed fear that the Daily Worker would misquote him, if he said anything more on the subject, Gates declared in a wire to Johnson:

"You are reported in New York Times Wednesday as saying that you

refused to comment on reports of building a German Army because the Daily Worker would misquote you, no matter what you say.

"I hereby assure you the Daily Worker has not done so, and will never do so.

"If you deny that plans are afoot for a German Army 'integrated' in western European war plans we shall quote you and show that Gen. Omar Bradley on Nov. 16 told an off-the-

record Overseas Press Club in Washington that such an army was advisable 'from a military standpoint.'

"If you admit the truth and frankly say that a western German Army is in the cards, we shall quote you exactly. And we shall show this follows from the entire program of the Truman Administration, and confirms the patriotic exposure of its warmaking policies made by American progressives and American Communists over the past five years."

## 400,000 Miners Set to Strike Today

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# THE STRANGE STORY OF JUDGE MEDINA'S FIRST HALF MILLION

## 2. The WARNING LETTER

By Art Shields

A little, dark-eyed woman of 77 in a black silk dress came into the office of Harold R. Medina 30 years ago, and gave him his first million dollar case.

That was on Dec. 9, 1919.

Louise Chapman Ellis, the principal in this seven-figure case, went to the young attorney's office at 34 Nassau St., New York, on the advice of one of his colleagues on the Law School faculty of Columbia University. Prof. Ralph Gifford had told her that his fellow teacher, Mr. Medina, was just the man to rescue her fortune from the clutches of a big New York bank.

The bank was the Title Guarantee and Trust Co.—a power in Wall Street and in politics, too. Mrs. Ellis had been suing this big bank for three and a half years for possession of a million-dollar real estate fortune left by her father, George Marcus Chapman, in 1887.

She told the young lawyer how the bank—as trustee of the estate—had cut her off from her inheritance and smeared her name as an "illegitimate" child. She could easily prove her legitimacy with her family documents, she said.

Medina went over the evidence with her and was greatly impressed. He quickly agreed to take the big case that was to have a lasting effect on his life. But he was careful not to harass the old lady, who was quite suspicious of lawyers, by asking her to sign any fat retainer agreement at first.

He acted more gently.

### "VERBAL AGREEMENT"

His junior partner, Eugene Sherpick, a former law student of Medina's at Columbia, said later in a sworn statement that his chief made only a "verbal agreement" with the old lady at the beginning.

It was an agreement, said Sherpick, "whereby Mr. Medina was to take up the case with her upon payment of the sum of \$250."

Sherpick added that Mrs. Ellis was also "to pay all disbursements (financial expenditures)," in addition to fees.

"... and the final compensation," Medina's partner continued, "was to be 50 PERCENT of any sums or property recovered through the action."

That could be HALF OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS.

"There is reason to believe," explained Medina's partner, that the property involved [in the case] reaches at least that figure [\$1,000,000] in value."

The two lawyers felt at the start, declared Sherpick, that "our compensation would ultimately be adequate."

That was not an over-statement.

Paying the disbursements was tough on the old lady, who was living on borrowed money, eating little and wearing the same spotted silk dress, while she kept up her fight on the bank.

### NOT HER IDEA

But the idea that the two Nassau St. lawyers were to get half of the property left by her father was simply abhorrent to her when the subject came up later. That million-dollar property, which had grown from a nest egg legacy of \$2,000 inherited by her mother when Mrs. Ellis was a baby, was already, in her mind, dedicated to hospitals and churches.

She never intended to keep it for herself, she often declared.

She had never made the 50 percent oral agreement, she swore later. . . . Be that as it may, Medina and Sherpick eventually got her signature down on a 50 percent retainer agree-

ment on Nov. 12, 1920, almost a year after she met them.

Sherpick's story is that she put her name down when the two lawyers threatened to quit.

Mrs. Ellis' story was that she didn't realize what she was signing when—and if—she put her name down.

The agreement held in the courts, nevertheless. **DEAL WITH BANK**

Mrs. Ellis was still willing to work with her counsel, however, until she found that Medina was making a deal with the hated bank—the Title Guarantee & Trust Co.—for a relative pittance for her.

She afterwards charged that Medina had tried to get her to settle her claims with the bank for small sums on several occasions.

One such deal is recorded in a letter from Medina to his aged client.

In this letter—which was later splashed on court records—Medina asked the 79-year-old heiress in 1921 to sign away all her rights to the million-dollar Chapman estate for \$7,500.

Just \$7,500! That was less than one percent of the estimated value of the lands and buildings and accumulated rentals of her father's estate.

We can only speculate on the motives that prompted Medina to make this deal with the bank in spite of his repeated assurances about the strength of her case.

The subsequent verdict of the courts in her favor makes the \$7,500 proposal seem still more amazing.

### MEDINA'S LETTER

The facts of this almost incredible deal are written down, however, in black and white over Medina's own signature in the high-pressure letter that he wrote to his client on April 28, 1921, warning her that a court fight might cost her life.

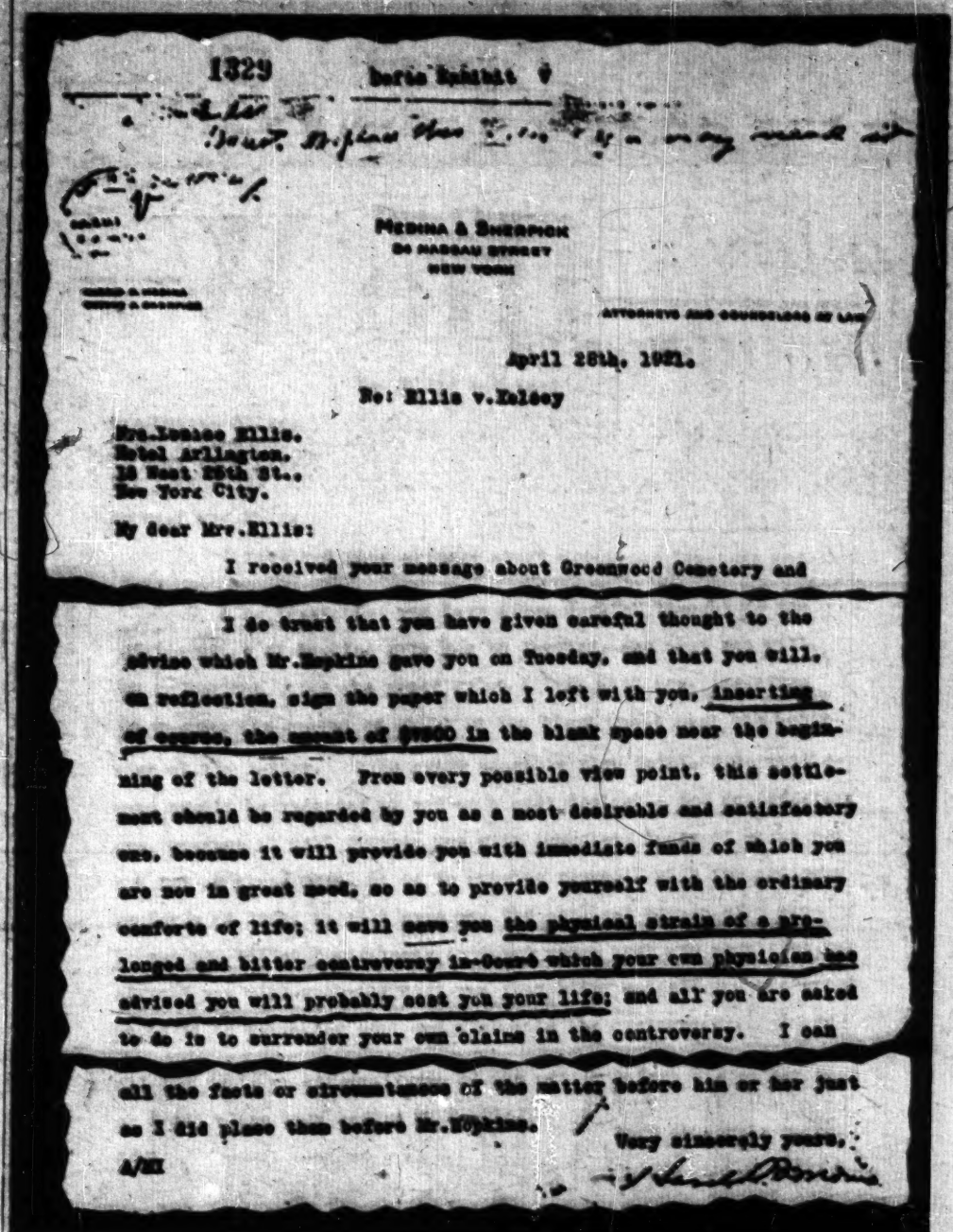
"I do trust," he told the aged heiress, "that you have given careful thought to the advice which Mr. Hopkins [an acquaintance of Mrs. Ellis, who was pressuring her to accept the \$7,500 deal on Medina's advice] gave you on Tuesday, and that you will, on reflection, sign the paper which I left with you, inserting, of course, the amount of \$7,500 in the blank space near the beginning of the letter. From every possible viewpoint, this settlement should be regarded as a most desirable and satisfactory one, because it will provide you with immediate funds of which you are now in great need, so as to provide yourself with the ordinary comforts of life; it will save you the physical strain of a prolonged and bitter controversy in court, which your own physician has warned you will probably cost you your life [This is a lie," wrote Mrs. Ellis on a copy of the letter, which was also placed in the court records]; and all you are asked to do is to surrender your own claims in the controversy."

Mrs. Ellis furiously rejected this fantastic one percent offer.

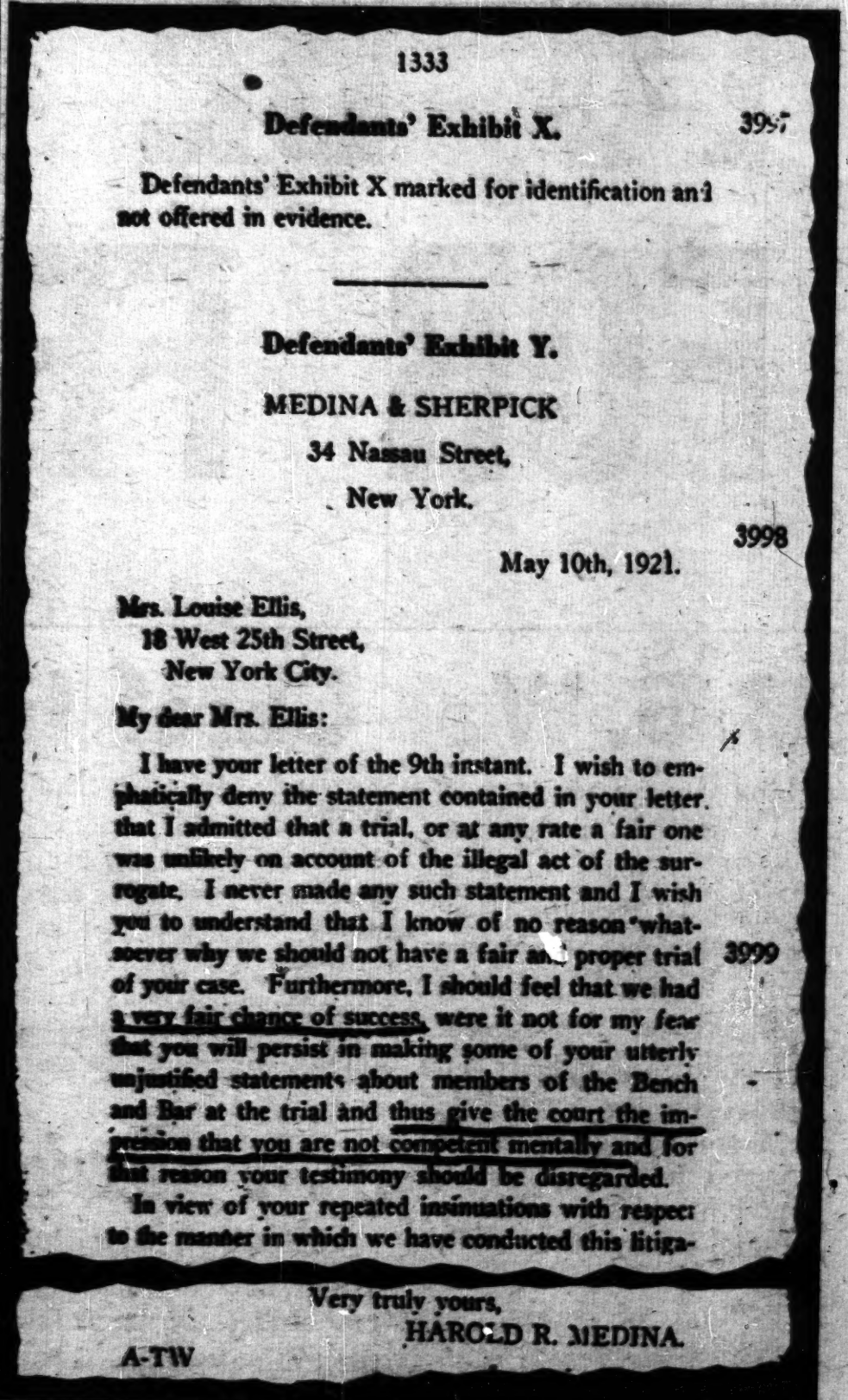
### MEDINA EXPLAINS

Medina, meanwhile, was explaining the deal further to Frank A. Rasch of Detroit, an attorney (Continued on Page 5)

## Advice to a Client



Medina here asks the disinherited heiress, Mrs. Ellis, to surrender her claims for her father's estate of \$1,000,000 for \$7,500—a sum less than 1 percent of the amount she was asking. . . . His high pressure argument is that the "strain" of the court proceedings "will probably cost you your life."



In this letter Medina tells his aged client that the Courts may consider her mentally incompetent if she continues to criticize him. He was trying to silence her protests against his attempt to settle her suit for \$1,000,000 for \$7,500. He admits in this letter that her suit might have a "fair chance of success."

Tomorrow's Episode:

## The Clinging Counsel



## 400,000 Miners Set For Walkout Today

A resumption of the nationwide coal strike appeared certain last night as the midnight deadline neared and John L. Lewis had no word for the miners of a new contract.

## Curran Scours Ports to Pack N. Y. Meeting

By Bernard Burton

CIO National Maritime President Joseph Curran's machine was scouring out-of-town ports yesterday to pack the New York general membership meeting tonight. It was expected that Curran, with the aid of his goons and New York City cops, would seek to railroad through the expulsion of 15 elected officials.

Reports kept pouring in from outports of seamen being intimidated and told to take a paid-for bus ticket to New York on pain of having their union books removed.

Curran yesterday rejected proposals by State Supreme Court Justice Dennis O'Connell that he hold off the meeting or expulsions until the judge rules on a New York Port plea for an injunction. The hearing on the petition was postponed until 11:30 a. m. today, when Curran's attorney raised technical objections.

### REJECT HONEST BALLOT

Curran's counsel also turned down a proposal for the use of the Honest Ballot Association to count the vote.

Apparently concerned about the illegal snatching of union books, Curran's counsel announced in court that any seaman could recover his book by applying at the union hall. But a seaman who went to the hall to recover his book was summarily bounced out by goons.

Three Curran henchmen were booked at Lower Manhattan Magistrate's Court yesterday on charges of third-degree assault for beating up a seaman distributing leaflets. The men were Robert Cook, Charles Matthews and David Smith. They were released on (Continued on Page 9)

## SAVAGE SENTENCE GIVEN 4 ARRESTED AT DAVIS RALLY

By Elihu Hicks

In the most vicious courtroom lynching since the Foley Square trial, Judge Hymie Bushnell in the Washington Heights magistrate court yesterday sentenced four defendants, who were arrested in the police attack on the Ben Davis Welcome Home Parade in October, to 60 days each in the workhouse. Bushnell called the defendants "political lice" and declared he thought that Arthur Wasserman, who drove one of the sound trucks during the parade, should "drive dead people." He also threatened to arrest one of the defendants' lawyers, Edward Kuntz, for contempt of court.

Attorneys Hope R. Stevens and Edward L. Johnson, together with Kuntz, were appointed by the Civil

This was the situation as the union's chief, after a morning meeting with his officers and district leaders, called off for the third time a scheduled 4 p. m. policy committee meeting and set a new one for 10 a. m. today, 10 hours after the deadline.

That this was taken to mean strike was apparent as reports poured in from the coal fields describing walkout preparations both by coal operators and miners. Coal miners by tradition never work without a contract unless specifically advised to do so by their officials.

The strike deadline brought to an end a truce of three weeks called by Lewis on the assumption that the coal operators would agree to new negotiations. There was no visible move from the operators' side.

A total of 400,000 miners are affected, including those west of the Mississippi, who were exempted from the strike prior to the truce. The anthracite miners, presumably will stay at work. It was announced they would meet with the coal operators on their separate negotiations Dec. 6.

The mine union set up headquarters at Hotel Roosevelt here, where the 200-man policy committee session is to take place this morning.

There was still no word from (Continued on Page 9)

## Chiang's Suitcase Gov't Checks Into Chengtu

HONG KONG, Nov. 30.—People's Liberation troops crossed the Yangtze River during the night and entered Chungking as the last Kuomintang officials fled. Kuomintang reports reaching here said 20,000 Liberation troops swept through the Chungking sub-

urban south of the river and then crossed the swift-flowing Yangtze at two points. One group struck out for Chengtu, the new Kuomintang capital 175 miles to the northwest.

Albert Yuan, a United Press cor-

respondent who flew to Chengtu aboard a Kuomintang plane, reported from Chengtu today that he could hear sounds of artillery and the rumblings of explosions before he left Chungking's Peihsiyi airfield.

Peihsiyi airfield itself was a scene of panicky Kuomintang refugees, with officials fighting among themselves for seats.

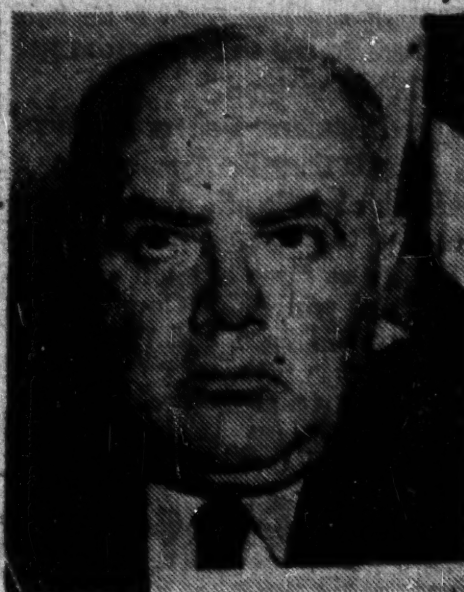
Chiang Kai-shek arrived in Chengtu at 8 a. m. today.

The Liberation column that skirted through the edge of Chungking proper was believed racing for Hochuan, 40 miles outside of the city, en route to Chengtu.

### U. S. Renegs on Notes to Kuomintang

By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—It is not U. S. policy to protect its merchant shipping carrying on



THOMAS Begs for Mercy

secretary, were dismissed by Holtzoff.

Thomas, his face colorless and sagging, stood rigidly before Holtzoff as the court clerk droned: "J. Parnell Thomas, you wish to with-

# Rep. Parnell Thomas Drops 'Not Guilty' Plea In Gov't Fraud Case

By Mel Fiske

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—The Un-American Committee's former chairman, Rep. J. Parnell Thomas (R-NJ), today withdrew his plea of not guilty to charges that he defrauded the government and threw himself on the mercy of the court. His surprise announcement that he was pleading nolo contendere (offering no defense to the government's charges) brought his three-day-old trial in the Federal district court to a sudden end.

Federal Judge Alexander Holtzoff ordered Thomas to appear before him Dec. 9 to be sentenced after U. S. attorneys said they had no objection to the changed plea. Holtzoff permitted Thomas to remain free on his \$1,000 bond. The government made no attempt to increase the amount.

Under four counts in the indictment against him, Thomas can be sentenced to 32 years in prison and fined \$40,000. The indictment charges him with conspiring to defraud the government, and three specific counts that he padded his congressional payroll and received at least \$8,800 in kickbacks from clerks who did not perform any work.

Conspiracy charges against Miss Helen Campbell, Thomas' former

draw your plea of not guilty heretofore entered and enter a plea of nolo contendere?"

Weakly, and almost inaudibly, Thomas replied, "I do." Minutes later, when he tagged behind his attorney, William H. Collins, and left the courtroom, beads of sweat streamed down his face.

It had been Collins who warned newspapermen, during the mid-morning recess, to be prepared for some startling announcement when court resumed. As soon as Holtzoff returned to the bench, Collins arose, and muttered:

"Your honor, Mr. Thomas desires to enter a plea of nolo contendere."

Judge Holtzoff turned his head quickly toward U. S. Prosecutor George Morris Fay as spectators gasped and buzzed.

Fay stood up. "We understand the plea is to the whole indictment," he said. "The government has no objection."

### SUDDEN CHANGE

The sudden change in Thomas' plea came after Holtzoff had permitted Miss Campbell's canceled checks to be entered as evidence against Thomas as well. But Collins told reporters that the new plea was entered for "reasons of health and a family situation."

Neither Collins nor Thomas, who permitted his attorney to do all the talking to newspapermen, would elaborate on the explanation. Thomas' health was considered good by two court-appointed doctors who examined the 54-year-old Congressman a month before the trial opened.

The doctors, at the time, re- (Continued on Page 8)

## Bulgarian Indictment Bares Tito-U.S. Plot

SOFIA, Nov. 30.—Traicho Kostov and 10 co-defendants were accused today of plotting to annex Bulgaria to Yugoslavia with the connivance of the United States. A 20-thousand-word indictment accused the 11 defendants of "treason, treachery, espionage and economic sabotage."

It was announced Kostov and the others would be put on trial at a later date.

Today's indictment described a vast plot involving the United States, Great Britain, Marshal Tito

and Tito's three chief aides. The indictment said the United States and Yugoslavia, with British intelligence agents helping, reached "complete agreement" to back a revolution in Bulgaria which Kostov would lead.

"Kostov planned to assume power with Yugoslav military assistance, arrest and physically destroy Premier Dimitrov and annex Bulgaria to Yugoslavia," the indictment said.

### LIST DEFENDANTS

Defendants in the indictment are: Kostov, former vice premier and (Continued on Page 9)

## Point of Order

By ALAN MAX

PARNELL THOMAS is now hoping that the judge will be as generous to him as he was to himself.

## 'Outlaw A-Bomb' Rally to Hear Henderson

Donald Henderson, national administrative director of the Food, Tobacco, Agricultural and Allied Workers of America, will address the "Outlaw the Atomic Bomb" rally in Madison Square Garden, Monday night, Dec. 5, under the auspices of the National Council of American Soviet Friendship. Henderson, who is one of the outstand-

ing labor leaders to speak for peace, was among the spokesmen of the American delegation at the historic World Peace Congress held in Paris last April.

Dr. Julius Katz-Suchy, permanent delegate of the Republic of Poland to the United Nations, will also be among the speakers at the peace rally. Other participants in-

clude Elmer A. Benson, chairman of the Progressive Party and former Governor of Minnesota, who will report on his recent trip to Europe. Muriel Draper, who will be flying back from the recent meeting in Moscow of the executive committee of the Women's International Democratic Federation; Charles P. Howard, Negro attorney and pub-

lisher of Des Moines, Ia.; O. John Rogge, attorney; Howard Fast, novelist; John Howard Lawson of Hollywood Ten fame; Rev. William Howard Melish; Dr. John A. Kingsbury, chairman of the National Council of American Soviet Friendship and former Welfare Commissioner in New York City,

and other distinguished men and women.

Tickets for the rally are priced from 60 cents to \$2.40 and are available at the Jefferson School Bookshop, Bookfair, the Workers Bookshop, Local 65 bookshop, Fraternal Mimeo Service and from Council offices at 114 E. 32d St.



# Carey Defiance of Courts Gets Government Blessing

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 30. — Government domination of the new CIO Electrical Workers Union was emphasized today by speeches from two cabinet members at the third day of the constitutional convention of what United Electrical workers called the "paper UE." Secretary of Labor Morris Tobin indicated he approved James Carey's defiance of court orders respecting UE contracts. Carey had told the 400 delegates here at the Hotel Boardwood to defy court injunctions that interfered with their attacks on the UE.

Tobin added, "Do not let any tactics deter you. You will be badgered in every court, but get the membership into your fold." CONSTITUTION

In adopting a constitution today, some 30 delegates opposed a clause which they said would give the president "dictatorial powers" to hire and fire any representative of the union.

Another clause in the union paves the way to refuse membership because of political beliefs.

S. Stuart Symington, Secretary of Air, told the convention:

"It is just as important to have loyal Americans working in our plants and our unions as it is to have them in the armed forces. Total war requires loyalty on all fronts, including the home front."

Symington is a former electrical industry executive.

## Tito Rushes Frameup Trial Of 12 Russians

The Yugoslav Tito government rushed preparations yesterday for its frameup trial today of 12 former Russian citizens with broad hints thrown out that a "plot" would be concocted in which the defendants would be accused of trying to blow up an electric power project.

Some of the defendants have accepted Soviet citizenship since the war.

The trial, it was also indicated, would try to whip up anti-Soviet hysteria, when rumors were fed to reporters here that an attempt would be made to link the Soviet embassy with the alleged plot.

Tito's aim is obvious. He is trying to wipe out the deadly effects of the recent Dajk trial in Budapest, in which Laszlo Rajk, former Hungarian official, admitted he had engaged in a plot with agents of Tito and the American Intelligence to overthrow the Hungarian government.

## 12 of 30 Nations Obey Acheson

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Only 12 nations have so far followed the orders of the U. S. State Department to protest to the Chinese People's Republic against the recent jailing of Angus Ward, U. S. consul-general in Mukden. Nine others expressed "sympathy" but took no action, the State Department said. Four others, it was stated, are "undecided."

The Soviet Union, Bulgaria, Romania, Czechoslovakia and Poland ignored the State Department note.

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## TELLS OF KU KLUXER'S GLEE AT FLOGGING OF NEGROES

ROME, Ga., Nov. 30 (UP).—A white witness testified at a civil rights trial today that he heard a defendant say last April 2 he had been "out to see some Negroes get their bears whipped."

The defendant, Robert L. Keener, added that he "really got a kick out of it," cafe owner Floyd Brandon testified.

Keener was one of eight civilians being tried with Dade County sheriff John W. Lynch and three dep-

uties on charges of violating the rights of seven Negroes by handing them over to a mob to be flogged.

The victims allegedly were abducted April 2 and later that night, Brandon testified, a number of men stopped by his cafe at Trenton, the Dade County seat a few miles across the state line from Chattanooga, Tenn.

Brandon said he recognized automobiles belonging to L. C. Spears, Woodrow Daniel, the Rev. Sam Peters and Farries (Cotton) Durham, all defendants, in Trenton that night. Each of the cars he identified carried men in robes like the Ku Klux Klan's on a parade through the town, Brandon added.

A one-time Ku Klux Klansmen earlier supported the testimony of Negro flog victims that Sheriff Lynch helped the hooded mob abduct the Negroes.

## UOPWA Wins Better Pact from Title Guarantee

A two-year renewal contract with a wage reopener after one year, between the Title Guarantee & Trust Co. and the UOPWA Financial Employees Guild, Local 96, was ratified unanimously yesterday by the members of the local.

The contract provides safeguards against speed-up, in a statement by the company disclaiming any "intention or right to require more than a reasonable and fair amount of work," which is subject to arbitration if the union feels aggrieved.

Other job security clauses provide for: Union arbitration in the event of "unreasonable" layoffs; extra protection for employees with high seniority; a provision that no one capable of working shall be prematurely pensioned; improvement of seniority clauses.

Severance pay has been tripled and increased to a maximum of 26 weeks except in cases of layoff because of technological improvements, in which case the severance pay schedule is doubled.

Promotions wherever possible are to be made from within the company and open jobs posted so that employees may bid for them.

## U. S. REPORTS NAZI REVIVAL IN BAVARIA

By Max Gordon

An official U. S. report confesses that Bavaria, in the U. S. Occupation Zone in Germany, is run today by the same Nazis who controlled it under Hitler, according to New York Times correspondent Drew Middleton.

In a despatch to his paper from Munich yesterday, Middleton quoted, from a report prepared for the Office of the State Commissioner for Bavaria, "It is very important to recognize that renazification has left Bavaria largely in the hands of those who controlled it under Hitler."

Middleton added, "Investigation in other states of the United States zone reveals a resurgence of Nazism."

### EXPOSED 4 YEARS AGO

More than four years ago, on Oct. 31, 1945, the Daily Worker charged that a reactionary member of the New York City Council, Col. Charles E. Keegan, at that time head of the American Military Government in Bavaria, was restoring former Nazis to power with the advice and blessing of the Vatican.

In an earlier article, the Daily Worker charged that Bronx Democratic boss Ed Flynn had had three

separate conferences with papal circles in the Spring of 1945, and had then stopped off to see Colonel Keegan, one of his chief political lieutenants in the Bronx.

Keegan is still a Democratic city councilman, and one of the prime movers in Councilman Benjamin Davis' expulsion from the Council earlier this week.

Middleton said the official U. S. report on Bavarian renazification declared more than 15,000 former Nazis are working in various Bavarian ministries, comprising 43 percent of the total.

Middleton wrote that the official U. S. report states:

"In almost all Government agencies . . . a great number of former Nazis have been reemployed. Their friends, in turn, are ex-Nazis, owners of business enterprises, estates, flour mills, sawmills, etc., and together they form a strong social and economic bloc in this predominantly agricultural Kreis. Any businessman, government official, or employee who would act directly against their interests would necessarily have to suffer social or economic disadvantages."

The report states further that the bloc of right-wing parties,

## 1949 Held Year of School Shortages

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 (UP).—The National Education Association reported today that 1949 was a period of "strain and stress" for the public school system because of basic shortages of teachers and buildings.

It said a survey just completed shows the teacher shortage is particularly acute in elementary schools.

## Shipping Arms Soon

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—American arms to Atlantic Pact nations will soon be moving overseas, Secretary of State Dean Acheson said today.

## FBI Tries to Scare Harper's

J. Edgar Hoover, FBI director, made an attempt to frighten the editors of Harper's Magazine, in a letter published in the magazine's December issue.

Hoover's letter attacked the magazine for having approved an article by Bernard DeVoto, historian and Pulitzer prize winner, which the magazine published in its October issue. In that article, DeVoto had criticized the FBI secret "loyalty" investigations, which, he said, breed hysteria and witchhunting and threaten American liberties, and smear people who are given no day in court to defend themselves. DeVoto added he personally would refuse to answer the FBI's questions, except in open court.

## Win Release Of 2 from Ellis Island

Knut Einar Heikkinen, editor of Eteenpain, Finnish daily and Carl Einer Paivio, secretary of the Finnish-American Mutual Aid Society, of the International Workers Order, were released from Ellis Island Tuesday. They had been held since Nov. 21.

Heikkinen and Paivio, both residents of the United States for many years, were freed on \$500 bail each. Writs of habeas corpus were signed in the Federal District Court, Nov. 23, returnable on Friday.

"In spite of a decision in the Circuit Court of Appeals in the case of George Pirinsky on the amount of bail which can be demanded in deportation cases," Abner Green, executive secretary of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, stated, "the Immigration and Naturalization Service still persists in demanding unreasonable bail in these cases. There was no reason, other than harassment of non-citizens, to hold these men for over a week on Ellis Island."

"The question of unreasonable bail and the general treatment of foreign-born Americans will be among the matters of discussion to be taken up at the National Conference Against Deportation Hysteria, to be held at the Civic Center, in Detroit, Mich., Dec. 3 and 4."

## Call Meeting Here Tonight On Slayings in Nigeria

As a consequence of the slaying of at least 19 African miners and the wounding of 30 others by British police at the Enugu coal mines in southern Nigeria on Nov. 18, a tense situation is developing throughout this British West African colony with its popu-

jailed an undisclosed number of Nigerians.

"In London, big RAF planes are reported ready to rush steel-helmeted soldiers to Nigeria."

The council has called an emergency conference of organizations in Harlem this evening (Thursday) at 2386 Seventh Ave., to consider support to the struggles of Nigerian workers.

CAPETOWN, South Africa, Nov. 30 (UP).—Sir Percy Sillitoe, chief of Britain's M.I. 5 secret Service, conferred yesterday with Prime Minister D. F. Malan on plans to halt the "spread of Com-

munist" among South African tribes.

Reliable sources said Sillitoe's visit was part of a general program for tightening up security measures throughout Africa, in which the French and Belgian governments also are interested.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—British secret service undercover men are being sent to British West Africa to investigate alleged "Communist" influence among trade unions, it was learned today.

### UN ACTION

After hearing the Rev. Michael Scott tell about oppression and gross misrule by the Union of South Africa, the fourth committee of the United Nations General Assembly on Monday adopted a resolution in effect censuring the government of South Africa for having "repudiated" its promise to submit informational reports of its administration of Southwest Africa. The vote was 31 to 11.

The United States delegation voted against the resolution.

A resolution offered by the Soviet Union, declaring annexation of Southwest Africa was a violation of the UN Charter, was defeated, 17 to 12.

## O'D Worsen, Say Doctors

Mayor O'Dwyer's condition worsened yesterday and he is expected to remain in Bellevue Hospital for two weeks, according to a bulletin issued by Dr. Edward M. Bernacker, the Mayor's physician. Dr. Bernacker and Dr. Clarence de la Chappelle told newsmen yesterday:

"Laboratory tests so far show Mayor O'Dwyer's condition to be somewhat worse than we thought."

FRANKFURT, Germany, Nov. 30 (UP).—U. S. High Commissioner John J. McCloy said today that if new Nazi parties arise in Western Germany, the Germans themselves will be given the first opportunity to get rid of them.



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By Bernard Burton

CIO National Maritime President Joseph Curran's machine was scouring out-of-town ports yesterday to pack the New York general membership meeting tonight. It was expected that Curran, with the aid of his goons and New York City cops, would seek to railroad through the expulsion of 15 elected officials.

Reports kept pouring in from outports of seamen being intimidated and told to take a paid-for bus ticket to New York on pain of having their union books removed.

Curran yesterday rejected proposals by State Supreme Court Justice Dennis O'Connell that he hold off the meeting or expulsions until the judge rules on a New York Port plea for an injunction. The hearing on the petition was postponed until 11:30 a. m. today, when Curran's attorney raised technical objections.

### REJECT HONEST BALLOT

Curran's counsel also turned down a proposal for the use of the Honest Ballot Association to count the vote.

Apparently concerned about the illegal snatching of union books, Curran's counsel announced in court that any seaman could recover his book by applying at the union hall. But a seaman who went to the hall to recover his book was summarily bounced out by goons.

Three Curran henchmen were booked at Lower Manhattan Magistrate's Court yesterday on charges of third-degree assault for beating up a seaman distributing leaflets. The men were Robert Cook, Charles Matthews and David Smith. They were released on.

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## SAVAGE SENTENCE GIVEN 4 ARRESTED AT DAVIS RALLY

By Elihu Hicks

In the most vicious courtroom lynching since the Foley Square trial, Judge Hymie Bushnell in the Washington Heights magistrate court yesterday sentenced four defendants, who were arrested in the police attack on the Ben Davis Welcome Home Parade in October, to 60 days each in the workhouse.

Bushnell called the defendants "political lice" and declared he thought that Arthur Wasserman, who drove one of the sound trucks during the parade, should "drive dead people." He also threatened to arrest one of the defendants' lawyers, Edward Kuntz, for contempt of court.

Attorneys Hope R. Stevens and Edward L. Johnson, together with Kuntz, were appointed by the Civil

This was the situation as the union's chief, after a morning meeting with his officers and district leaders, called off for the third time a scheduled 4 p.m. policy committee meeting and set a new one for 10 a.m. today, 10 hours after the deadline.

That this was taken to mean strike was apparent as reports poured in from the coal fields describing walkout preparations both by coal operators and miners. Coal miners by tradition never work without a contract unless specifically advised to do so by their officials.

The strike deadline brought to an end a truce of three weeks called by Lewis on the assumption that the coal operators would agree to new negotiations. There was no visible move from the operators' side.

A total of 400,000 miners are affected, including those west of the Mississippi, who were exempted from the strike prior to the truce. The anthracite miners, presumably will stay at work. It was announced they would meet with the coal operators on their separate negotiations Dec. 6.

The mine union set up headquarters at Hotel Roosevelt here, where the 200-man policy committee session is to take place this morning.

There was still no word from

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## Chiang's Suitcase Gov't Checks Into Chengtu

HONG KONG, Nov. 30.—People's Liberation troops crossed the Yangtze River during the night and entered Chungking as the last Kuomintang officials fled. Kuomintang reports reaching here said 20,000 Liberation troops swept through the Chungking sub-

urban south of the river and then crossed the swift-flowing Yangtze at two points. One group struck out for Chengtu, the new Kuomintang capital 175 miles to the northwest.

Albert Yuan, a United Press cor-

respondent who flew to Chengtu aboard a Kuomintang plane, reported from Chengtu today that he could hear sounds of artillery and the rumblings of explosions before he left Chungking's Peihsiyi airfield.

Peihsiyi airfield itself was a scene of panicky Kuomintang refugees, with officials fighting among themselves for seats.

Chiang Kai-shek arrived in Chengtu at 8 a.m. today.

The Liberation column that skirted through the edge of Chungking proper was believed racing for Hochuan, 40 miles outside of the city, en route to Chengtu.

### U. S. Renegs on Notes to Kuomintang

By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—It is not U. S. policy to protect its merchant shipping carrying on

trade with Chinese ports, Secretary of State Dean Acheson said today. Acheson's statement un-

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## Bulgarian Indictment Bares Tito-U.S. Plot

SOFIA, Nov. 30.—Traicho Kostov and 10 co-defendants were accused today of plotting to annex Bulgaria to Yugoslavia with the connivance of the United States. A 20-

thousand-word indictment accused the 11 defendants of "treason, treachery, espionage and economic sabotage."

It was announced Kostov and the others would be put on trial at a later date.

Today's indictment described a vast plot involving the United States, Great Britain, Marshal Tito

and Tito's three chief aides.

The indictment said the United States and Yugoslavia, with British intelligence agents helping, reached "complete agreement" to back a revolution in Bulgaria which Kostov would lead.

"Kostov planned to assume power with Yugoslav military assistance, arrest and physically destroy Premier Dimitrov and annex Bulgaria to Yugoslavia," the indictment said.

### LIST DEFENDANTS

Defendants in the indictment are:

Kostov, former vice premier and

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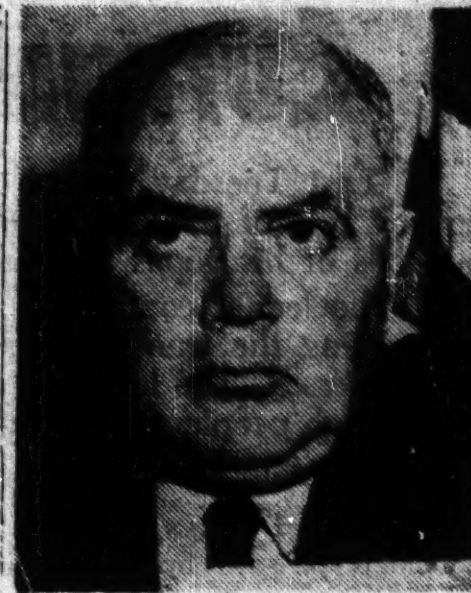
By Mel Fiske

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—The Un-American Committee's former chairman, Rep. J. Parnell Thomas (R-NJ), today withdrew his plea of not guilty to charges that he defrauded the government and threw himself on the mercy of the court. His surprise announcement that he was pleading nolo contendere (offering no defense to the government's charges) brought his three-day old trial in the Federal district court to a sudden end.

Federal Judge Alexander Holtzoff ordered Thomas to appear before him Dec. 9 to be sentenced after U. S. attorneys said they had no objection to the changed plea. Holtzoff permitted Thomas to remain free on his \$1,000 bond. The government made no attempt to increase the amount.

Under four counts in the indictment against him, Thomas can be sentenced to 32 years in prison and fined \$40,000. The indictment charges him with conspiring to defraud the government, and three specific counts that he padded his congressional payroll and received at least \$8,800 in kickbacks from clerks who did not perform any work.

Conspiracy charges against Miss Helen Campbell, Thomas' former



THOMAS

Begs for Mercy

secretary, were dismissed by Holtzoff.

Thomas, his face colorless and sagging, stood rigidly before Holtzoff as the court clerk droned: "J. Parnell Thomas, you wish to with-

draw your plea of not guilty heretofore entered and enter a plea of nolo contendere?"

Weakly, and almost inaudibly, Thomas replied, "I do." Minutes later, when he tagged behind his attorney, William H. Collins, and left the courtroom, beads of sweat streamed down his face.

It had been Collins who warned newspapermen, during the mid-morning recess, to be prepared for some startling announcement when court resumed. As soon as Holtzoff returned to the bench, Collins arose, and muttered:

"Your honor, Mr. Thomas desires to enter a plea of nolo contendere."

Judge Holtzoff turned his head quickly toward U.S. Prosecutor George Morris Fay as spectators gasped and buzzed.

Fay stood up. "We understand the plea is to the whole indictment," he said. "The government has no objection."

### SUDDEN CHANGE

The sudden change in Thomas' plea came after Holtzoff had permitted Miss Campbell's canceled checks to be entered as evidence against Thomas as well. But Collins told reporters that the new plea was entered for "reasons of health and a family situation."

Neither Collins nor Thomas, who permitted his attorney to do all the talking to newspapermen, would elaborate on the explanation. Thomas' health was considered good by two court-appointed doctors who examined the 54-year-old Congressman a month before the trial opened.

The doctors, at the time, re-

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## Point of Order

By ALAN MAX

PARNELL THOMAS is now hoping that the judge will be as generous to him as he was to himself.

## 'Outlaw A-Bomb' Rally to Hear Henderson

Donald Henderson, national administrative director of the Food, Tobacco, Agricultural and Allied Workers of America, will address the "Outlaw the Atomic Bomb" rally in Madison Square Garden, Monday night, Dec. 5, under the auspices of the National Council of American Soviet Friendship. Henderson, who is one of the outstand-

ing labor leaders to speak for peace, was among the spokesmen of the American delegation at the historic World Peace Congress held in Paris last April.

Dr. Julius Katz-Szchy, permanent delegate of the Republic of Poland to the United Nations, will also be among the speakers at the peace rally. Other participants in-

clude Elmer A. Benson, chairman of the Progressive Party and former Governor of Minnesota, who will report on his recent trip to Europe. Muriel Draper, who will be flying back from the recent meeting in Moscow of the executive committee of the Women's International Democratic Federation; Charles P. Howard, Negro attorney and pub-

lisher of Des Moines, Ia.; O. John Rogge, attorney; Howard Fast, novelist; John Howard Lawson of Hollywood Ten fame; Rev. William Howard Melish; Dr. John A. Kingsbury, chairman of the National Council of American Soviet Friendship; and former Welfare Commissioner in New York City,

and other distinguished men and women.

Tickets for the rally are priced from 60 cents to \$2.40 and are available at the Jefferson School Bookshop, Bookfair, the Workers Bookshop, Local 65 bookshop, Fraternal Mimeo Service and from Council offices at 114 E. 32d St.



## MARITIME PAGE

Appears Every Thursday in the  
Daily WorkerGoons, Police Keep  
Curran at NMU Helm

It is obvious from the events that have taken place on the waterfront during the past two weeks that Joe Curran, president of the National Maritime Union, and his handful of goons could not last 10 minutes on the waterfront without the intervention

of hundreds of police. The ship-owners and Curran know this. Intervention of the police in full force only shows to what lengths to which Curran is going to try to put over his plans to break the NMU.

Curran's desperation is further shown by the kind of leaflets which he puts out, one of which is analyzed below.

The membership in all the ports and the ships must understand the real meaning of Curran's desperation. He has no support from the membership. His only support comes from a handful of paid goons and the political power of the shipowners, which places the police force at his disposal.

Despite the open terror and violence on Curran's part, the membership has the real power. What is needed is organization and unity. Every ship's crew and members in all ports, must be contacted and given the facts.

Thousands of members in the Port of New York know the score and cannot be fooled. These thousands of members need only to see that the rest of the membership get the truth and take action. When that is done, Curran and the police will be through.

The key to organizing the membership is the broad unity of all the anti-shipowner, anti-Curran forces.

Crew at Sea  
Supports N. Y.  
Port Members

SS MORMACMAIL—AT SEA—

This crew voted unanimously to send a wire to the U. S. Supreme Court telling them to rule favorably on the NMU hiring hall. The crew's feeling is "No hiring hall—No work."

The crew also elected a seven-man committee to investigate the internal warfare being waged against the membership by Joe Curran and other members of the National Office.

When news of Curran's police attack on the N. Y. membership reached the ship, an immediate telegram was sent, signed by 15 crew members, to the membership on the beach in N. Y. pledging all-out support.

The wire, addressed to David Drummond and N. Y. membership, stated: "We, undersigned crew members of the Mormacmail stand solidly besides you in fight to maintain union hall and union democracy."

Over \$45 was contributed by crew members to the rank and file paper The Voice of the Membership. At the same time members of the crew were demanding to know why the so-called Independent Caucus and the Voice of the Membership Committee didn't unite as long as both were pledged to fight against the shipowners and the Curran machine. Sentiment of the crew is that until such unity is achieved, its support will go to The Voice of the Membership Committee.

JIMCROW DOCK DEAL  
RAWER THAN WEATHER

By Jack Karan

It looked as if there wasn't going to be any work that bleak rainy morning as I was standing on Pier 11 of the Brooklyn waterfront. But shortly before 8 o'clock, when the rain eased up, my attention was caught by something that was rawer than the weather.

All the gangs were ordered in

EXCEPT Joe Houghton's, which was told to return for the 1 o'clock shape. I walked up to the Negro dockers, and asked some questions. I learned that they were members of Local 968, and that they had been ordered to shape that morning. I learned further that they had been working on pier 11 as a regular extra gang for two years, and strangest of all, that a chance pick-up gang was given work in preference to them.

This pick-up gang, I learned, does not work this pier. It was made up of odd men picked up here and there by one of the longshoremen, Patsy, who generally works in one of the regular gangs. He isn't even a hatch boss, but from time to time, when the company needs an extra gang there, instead of calling Local 968 they ask him to put together a gang.

This gross piece of discrimination was pulled by the Universal Stevedoring Co., which does the hiring on Pier 11 for the Cran Columbian SS Lines.

This stevedoring company is directly responsible for the hiring policies on the pier.

What I saw that morning shook me to the core. Negro longshoremen worked these piers all through the war and gave valiant service. A burning resentment against such rotten practices is developing.

A flareup occurred several months ago on this pier which almost led to bloodshed.

The main responsibility is the company's. But the mayor and the union also have a responsibility to put a stop to these vicious un-American practices.

Notes from  
Ports, Ships

NEW ORLEANS.—Curran's delegates are afraid to board ships unless protected by imported goons. Crew members are told to sign "loyalty" pledges and give money to Curran in addition to regular dues or else. Petitions are being signed by NMU members and by other union organizations around the port demanding that the police force get out of the union's headquarters in New York. The petitions are addressed to Mayor O'Dwyer, City Hall, New York.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Membership voted overwhelmingly to condemn Curran's actions and support the legal officials of New York. Charges were brought against Charles Abar, port agent, for violations of the Union's Constitution and following same police methods as Curran.

S.S. EXOCHORDA.—Crew unanimously condemned action of Curran at NMU convention for unconstitutional procedure and deliberate failure to take any action on pork chops.

S. S. SANTA MONICA.—Savio, Curran goon delegate, demanded company fire a militant member of crew. Company agreed. The crew then threatened to tie up the ship. Company then reinstated the crew member. In addition six months back overtime amounting to \$203, was collected for the engine room storekeeper for painting and chipping. The overtime was labeled by Savio as a "phony Commie beef."

(P. S. As seen from above only four points have been heard from. Get the news in even if it's only a line.)

## Curran's Lies Exposed

Last Tuesday, Joseph Curran issued a leaflet designed to cover up the union-busting role of the Police Department under his personal direction and the strongarm methods of his goons in dumping NMU members and taking away their union books.

The leaflet contains such fantastic lies that it is worth examining point by point and stating the true facts to which thousands of seamen in the port of New York are eye-witnesses. The leaflet is also a classic example of the Hitler theory that if the lie is big enough people will doubt their own good sense and believe it.

Following is a point by point expose of the Curran BIG LIE tactics:

LIE NO. 1—"... for the past 10 days the hoodlums sponsored by the Communists, Trotskyites and the so-called Independent Caucus, led by Keith, Lawrenson and Drummond, have caused chaos in and around the headquarters and the New York branch."

LIE 2—"These hoodlums have been screaming the members. The truth is that the Communist coalition promoted such chaos around the hall that the police moved in. After the membership moved these hoodlums out, you will note that the Keith, Drummond, Lawrenson hoodlums of the Communist-Trotskyite mobs are calling for the police and are asking court action against your union."

LIE 3—"The National Office wants to make it clear that it did not at any time call the police into the situation. They came because the peace of the city was affected and we hope that it is now no longer necessary for them to remain."

LIE 4—"It has been reported that books have been picked up. This, of course, is another phony lie of these rotten elements. If anyone lost a book, or if any have complaints on this score, they have the Constitutional ways to go about clearing the matter up."

LIE 5—"Masters-at-arms will be available to make sure that no member whose intentions are honest is molested in any way."

FACT 1—The "hoodlums" to whom Curran refers are the 2,000 union members who voted to accept charges against Curran and Stone at the last membership meeting 10 days ago. Lawrenson and Drummond are legally elected officials of the union. They were elected on Curran's that the administration are using the police against own slate last year.

FACT 2—There were 300 uniformed police and detectives at the last membership meeting. Three thousand union members at the start of the meeting saw with their own eyes Curran ordering the police to throw the officials of the Port of New York off the platform. The police obeyed Curran's orders.

FACT 3—Jack Lawrenson called Mayor O'Dwyer's office to protest the use of the police force. The person who answered the phone was O'Dwyer's secretary. Lawrenson announced he was a vice-president of the union. The secretary, apparently thinking he was calling for Curran, replied: "Don't worry. There has just been a conference between the Mayor, the Chief of Police and Mr. Curran, and everything will be taken care of."

FACT 4—On Nov. 23, at 6 a.m., before any members were down at the hall, Curran and 100 imported goons, plus hundreds of police, took over the union hall. When members reported for shipping, after 8 a.m., the entrances and exits were barred by Curran's goons and the police. Under police protection, Curran's goons began dumping union members and taking away their union books.

FACT 5—There is not a single honest member of the union in the Port of New York who does not have first-hand knowledge that Curran's "masters-at-arms" are the same goons dumping members and stealing union books.

## EX-CONVICTS KEPT ON ILA PAYROLL

Longshoremen will no doubt be interested in knowing that Joe Ryan is getting \$540 per week PLUS and that their hard-earned dues money was used to pay additional expenses incurred by Joe Ryan in his frequent trips to Washington to fight AGAINST their back pay claims.

This startling piece of information was revealed in the latest financial statement of the ILA, which was made public last week. It covers the period from Jan. 1 to June 30, 1949.

The report also contains an expense item for June: "Cash, expenses incurred fighting Communist, subversive activities . . .

\$700." This date is the giveaway. This money, which should have been used in the interests of the ILA members, was used to smash the picket line of Negro longshoremen, members of Local 968. But even in such matters, King Joe manages to give himself a little bonus for his troubles.

Longshoremen will recall that after the picket line was broken with the help of O'Dwyer's cops, Ryan set up a round of beer for some of his stooges. They may have thought the beer wasn't costing them anything. Little did they know that it cost \$700.

There are some other choice items in the report. There is the sum of \$6,869.50 paid to Louis Waldman for legal services. Of course, Waldman has been spending most of his time fighting against the longshoremen's back pay and against Local 968.

Members may not be surprised to learn, there are still a couple of notorious ex-convicts on the ILA payroll as "organizers." Ed McGrath, himself an ex-convict, and

brother-in-law or John "Cockeye" Dunn, murderer, who got the electric chair at Sing-Sing last summer, is still on the payroll as an organizer at \$100 per week for salary and expenses. Another well-known ex-convict on the ILA payroll receiving the same salary is Ed Florio, generally regarded as the successor to gangster Charlie Yanowsky, who was murdered in July, 1948.

Both these "gentlemen," as you may have guessed, were appointed to their jobs by King Joe himself.

U.S. Gets Kuomintang  
Chief's Bollyache

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 (UP).—Acting President Li Tung-jen of the Kuomintang, who has been suffering from a stomach ailment for some time, is coming to the United States for medical treatment, the State Department disclosed today.

The department said it had authorized the U. S. embassy in China to approve Li's application for a visa.

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# Protest Jail Sentence of 11's Lawyers

Special to the Daily Worker

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Protests against the haste with which the government is preparing to jail the five lawyers for the Communist Party leaders are pouring into the office of the U. S. Attorney General J. Howard McGrath. A committee of lawyers has requested a meeting with McGrath before Dec. 5, which the defense lawyers' request for a postponement will be argued.

## Medina's Half Million

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who had advised Mrs. Ellis to reject the \$7,500 proposal.

The deal, said Medina in a letter to Rasch dated May 10, 1921, followed "sundry negotiations with Mr. Harold Swain [general counsel for the Title Guarantee & Trust Co.], attorney for the defendants."

Medina said the old lady would be required to sign "quit-claim deeds," "transferring whatever right, title and interest Mrs. Ellis might have in and to the real estate referred to in the complaint."

The deal had the approval of President Kelsey of the same defendant bank, Medina explained. Kelsey, incidentally, was a third cousin of Mrs. Ellis, who was inheriting a share in the Chapman estate if Mrs. Ellis' claims, as the legitimate daughter and legal heir, were disallowed. He had fought the old lady's assertion of her rights to legitimacy tooth and nail from the start.

Mrs. Ellis fought back. Copies of Medina's \$7,500 (one percent) proposal were mailed to her friends.

Medina was angry and upset. He showed his anger and his alarmed state of mind in a letter to Mrs. Ellis, dated May 10, 1921, which was later copied and placed in the court records.

### ANOTHER WARNING

Medina admitted in this letter that Mrs. Ellis' big lawsuit (which he had tried to settle so cheaply) might have a "fair chance of success." But his letter also carried a rather ominous warning to the feeble old lady. "... I should feel," said Medina, "that we had a very fair chance of success, were it not for my fear that you will persist in making some of your utterly unjustified statements about members of the Bench and Bar at the trial and thus give the court the impression that you are not mentally competent and for that reason your testimony should be disregarded."

The reference to "the Bench" dealt with Mrs. Ellis' criticism of a New York Surrogate, who had sided with the bank in the Chapman estate case.

And the Nassau St. lawyer's resentment against criticisms of members of "the Bar," related to Mrs. Ellis' denunciations of Medina himself.

### A SINISTER NOTE

Medina did not yet have the power to punish his critics with contempt-of-court sentences. But his assertion that the courts would question the mental competence of his client if she criticized him could well have a special sinister meaning. It could have this meaning for Mrs. Ellis because she often expressed her fears that her enemies would try to have her committed to a mental institution.

She expressed these fears again in a courtroom three years later when she was asking permission to fire Medina. She feared, she said that—

"I was going to be treated just as my half-brother was. ... He was brought up in a court and was railroaded to the asylum. ... I am very much afraid of these things."

There is no record that Medina ever dared to ask her to sign away her rights to the Chapman estate again. And on June 3, 1922, when Mrs. Ellis

was 80, the determined little heiress won her first big victory in the courts.

Justice William J. Burr of the New York Supreme Court ruled on that date that Louise Chapman Ellis was the legitimate daughter and "sole heir" of George Marcus Chapman, the 19th century fur merchant and real estate magnate, who had piled up a million.

"It is ordered, adjudged and decreed," said the court, that Mrs. Ellis is entitled to receive all the accumulated rentals, interest and profits from the estate without any delay.

The accumulated rentals were expected to total \$100,000 to \$150,000 after an accounting was made.

Further proceedings would be necessary to give her possession of the rich real estate properties themselves.

The decision was a body blow to Clarence Kelsey, the bank president, and other rival "heirs," who had lost all their so-called rights to the coveted estate.

The prospect was now open for Mrs. Ellis to win her entire million dollar inheritance, which amounted to more than 100 hundred times the \$7,500 that Medina had so repeatedly urged her to accept.

And this prospect of a million dollar payment put Medina's expected cut of 50 percent in a quite different light.

Tomorrow's episode: The Clinging Counsel.

Don't miss the conclusion of this story in the weekend Worker.

requested a meeting with McGrath before Dec. 5, which the defense lawyers' request for a postponement will be argued.

The five lawyers and Eugene Dennis, who acted as his own counsel, will ask that the contempt of court appeal be put over until the appeals of the defendants have been acted upon. If this request is denied Dec. 5, the appeal of the lawyers will be heard Dec. 12, without the lawyers having had

### Write or Wire To McGrath

Less than 2 weeks remain until Dec. 12, the day the five attorneys for the national Communist leaders and Eugene Dennis are scheduled to appear before the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals to appeal against the jail sentences for "contempt" imposed on the mby Judge Harold R. Medina.

Write or wire at once to U. S. Attorney General Howard McGrath. Demand postponement of the Circuit Court hearing on the appeal of lawyers' "contempt" case until after the final argument on appeal of the main Foley Square conviction of the Communist leaders.

time to examine the 21,000 pages of court record which Judge Harold R. Medina made a part of his certificate of contempt.

Reports from Michigan, California, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York indicate a growing movement around the defense of each of the five lawyers. Defense committees are being organized for Richard Gladstein in San Francisco; Louis F. McCabe, in Philadelphia; Harry Sacher in New

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## Around the Globe

By Joseph Starobin

### Proposals in the UN About the Holy Places

THERE'S A CERTAIN weird and shadow-theater quality about the UN's current debate on Jerusalem, and my advice to innocent bystanders is not to jump to conclusions. The positions of all the main actors may seem hard and fast, and there is certainly a core of consistency in them. But many important tactical considerations are operating, too. The final resolution, when it comes out of subcommittee, may be quite different from the present one. And the final votes are something else again.



The first fact to remember is that both Israel and Transjordan are opposed to the plan for "internationalizing" Jerusalem, which has been proposed by a UN Conciliation Commission consisting of the United States, Turkey and France. In reality, this should be called a "westernization" plan. And it is proposed by one of those UN figleaves such as the State Department concocted to cover up its nasty business in Indonesia and the Italian colonies. What this scheme does is to rob Israel of sovereignty over 100,000 Jews in a city which only Israeli armed forces defended. It would set up a western military-strategic position, under guise of protecting the Holy Places, which is indefensible and unnecessary. Israel doesn't want it. Neither does Jordan. And the debate has shown that many nations doubt whether it can be enforced.

A SECOND PROPOSAL comes from Australia, where Dr. Herbert Vere Evatt is currently running for reelection and needs the Australian Catholic vote badly. This is a full-fledged internationalization scheme modeled on the original partition plan, and would set up a separate regime in Jerusalem under the UN Trusteeship Council. Israel opposes that, too, on the grounds that the 1947 partition plan has been outmoded by events. Israel is prepared to protect the Holy Places by direct negotiation through the UN with all the religious faiths involved. For example, Israel has just made a partial settlement of this kind with the Greek Orthodox Church of the USSR.

The Soviet Union has introduced certain vital amendments to the Australian plan. In the first place, the USSR wants the present Conciliation Commission scrapped. In the second place, it proposes a much more democratic municipal regime than Australia has in mind. And thirdly, it wants the Trusteeship Council to take another year in preparing its plans, which means that the USSR doesn't oppose the present status quo in the meantime.

There is a certain basic principle and consistency in the Soviet plan which is admirable. If there is to be any internationalization, it must be genuine and based squarely on the UN, and not an American-Turkish-French ersatz outfit.

Secondly, the USSR is still plugging for a democratic Arab state; that is why it always returns to the 1947 partition resolution which provides for such a state. Thus, the edge of the Soviet position is against Abdullah, who has gobbled up the Arab parts of Palestine. Israel and friends of Israel have much to learn from this emphasis on a democratic Arab state.

Let us assume that the Soviet amendments to the Australian resolution are voted down, as they will be. At that point, the margin between a two-thirds majority for a bad resolution and another resolution which maintains the status quo may be narrow. The USSR could abstain, and thus help keep the present situation intact (favoring Israel). Or it could even vote against the Australian proposal on the grounds that it isn't what the USSR wanted.

The Jewish Social Democrats may yell about Stalin, but out at Lake Success, all those who are pro-Israel but not anti-Soviet are behaving very circumspectly.

FOR MY MONEY, I would like to see Israel keep the New City. I would favor internationalization only if it were based on American-Soviet solidarity, which would relieve Israel of the pressures of the cold war, and give Arab democratic forces a chance against the present Abdullah occupation.

The Holy Places, like Israel itself, can only be safe if the cold war is abated. Those who jump on the USSR without thinking the thing through are just hotting up the cold war and hurting everybody—Americans, Israeli, Russians, Arabs and Holy Places, too.

VIRGIL

By Len Kleis



## Letters from Readers

### Goons in the Neighborhood

New York City

Editor, Daily Worker:

I live in the neighborhood of the National Maritime Union. I am one of the many neighbors who resent the fact that Mr. Curran brought in so many goons to the neighborhood. They are in every hallway and on every corner.

Also two weeks ago there was a parents-teachers meeting in Public School 33 where many

working mothers send their children because it is a whole day neighborhood school. The mothers asked the police department to give the school one extra cop to watch the corner, because we already had a few accidents. The police head of that precinct claimed that they are short of force—and now we see dozens of cops standing around protecting goons and union leaders who the members don't want.

A MOTHER  
FROM BELEAGUERED  
17th STREET

## Press Roundup

THE NEWS keeps up its jabs at the Marshall Plan, which it calls "this rathole into which we are still pouring billions." But the News, praising Truman for another allegedly "clever move . . . in the cold war with Russia," demonstrates that it's not the purpose of the Marshall Plan that bothers it. If we're going to spend money for fascism, let's spend it at home just about sums up the News' philosophy.

THE MIRROR, a Republican rag, froths over the legal ruling against the Feinberg law, demands that "Communist teachers" be barred from schools. But in the adjoining column, Drew Pearson recites more of the acts for which Parnell Thomas might have been tried. Thomas is not a Communist, but a Republican.

THE COMPASS'S Jennings Perry says: "In time — when Formosa falls and Gen. Chiang checks out of the picture for good—we shall have to acknowledge that that is the way it is and send in our visiting card to the People's Republic."

THE TIMES editorial that counts is the one that isn't there. On page one, a "news" story features Company Union Carey's ringing call to the CIO electrical outfit to "defy any court injunctions" obtained by the UE. If it were a genuine union making this challenge, the Times would be in there pitching with an editorial calling out the National Guard. But when it's a stooge outfit which incites violation on the rare occasions, a progressive union wins redress

in the courts, the Times silently approves.

THE POST renders a dirty distortion of the Cominform's warning against imperialist wars, by calling it "the treasured Nazi thesis that the West is preparing 'dangerous military adventures'." But the same Post comments that "Western Allied officials display no apprehension" over the flooding of Germany with the writings of British fascist Mosley. Will the Post tell its readers, then, who fosters the "treasured Nazi thesis"—Soviet socialism or Wall Street imperialism?

THE WORLD-TELEGRAM shows how, with the use of some quotation marks, it can trap the unwary reader into believing its brazen lies. The Telly says the Cominform has called on the Communists of the world to overthrow Tito and restore Yugoslavia to "the camp of democracy and socialism." Of course, the Telly hopes its readers will not note that the quoting of that last phrase does not extend to the "overthrow" business forged by the paper.

THE SUN, saddened by the ruling against the Feinberg law, asks whether "we must sit idly by—as did Germany's Weimar Republic in the days when Hitler was poisoning the minds of a whole generation of German youth." Only, Hitler's was the poison of anti-communism, just like the Sun's; and the Weimar Republic's crime was that of adopting anti-Communist laws curbing civil rights, just like the Feinberg law.—R.F.

## World of Labor

By George Morris

### Lawrence, New Bedford Teach a Big Lesson

WHEN I was in Boston and New Bedford over the weekend, active progressive members of the Textile Workers Union of America gave me the real reason why the union's top leaders are claiming to be "leftish" and "radical" these days. The members in the shops and textile communities, they said, are moving leftward and they are resisting the rightwing program of speedup and wage freezing.

But, as was stressed by Joe Figueiredo, Communist leader in New Bedford, himself a textile worker, the trend of militancy and opposition to the rightwing shows up best where the workers are sparked by at least a little progressive rank and file leadership. The opposition to Emil Rieve's rightwing henchmen is shaping up mainly because these regional officers side with the mill owners against wage raises; they campaign for bigger workloads and they are extremely lax on taking up shop grievances.



On top of this is the continued unemployment, or starvation part-time wages, for many thousands of members in cities like New Bedford and Lawrence. The union's program, far from meeting the situation, is really one of helping the bosses unload the main burden of the crisis on the shoulders of men and women who are among the lowest paid workers.

THE RECENT elections in New Bedford (cotton) and Lawrence (wool) gave a good indication of the sentiment developing among textile workers. In New Bedford, the rank and file forces in the textile union backed two independent progressive-labor candidates at large for the city council. They were Joseph O'Brien, secretary of a local of the United Electrical workers, and Palmeda Crosby, former secretary-treasurer of the Hathaway Mill local and at present chairman of the Massachusetts and New Bedford Committee to Fight Unemployment.

Rieve's payrollers put their money and effort behind several other candidates, including one for the city council at large named McCormick. Despite vicious redbaiting by Rieve's people and all the rest of their disruptive technique, O'Brien and Crosby won the nominating signatures of some 80 percent of the TWUA's joint board delegates.

The rank and file forces, including many of the officers of the TWU's locals, campaigned enthusiastically for the candidates attacked by the TWUA's district officials. When the primary election votes rolled in, O'Brien won nomination with 4,326 votes and Mrs. Crosby, with 3,336 votes, came in 14th, with 10 to be nominated. The candidate backed by the rightwing came in 28th with some 1,100 votes.

When the campaign for the finals began, the defeated rightwingers still fought the labor candidates. With Mrs. Crosby heading his campaign, O'Brien, running on a fighting labor program, zoomed up his vote to 17,799, missing election by about 1,000 ballots. He carried with heavy pluralities every major working class district.

THE RESULT in Lawrence was similar. Rev. Amos Murphy, Progressive, drew 6,586 votes, 20 percent of the total. He campaigned against the pro-Truman policies of Rieve's henchmen and their speedup drive in the shops. His major issue was the city's starvation relief policy for the many thousands of unemployed in this major woolen center.

Also indicative of the moods of the workers was the rallying of some 2,500 of them in support of Murphy when some hoodlums tried to bring the spirit of Peekskill into the city. The signal was an egg thrown by a plainclothes cop at Father Duffy, a Roman Catholic priest of Ireland who spoke in support of Murphy.

The workers made short work of the sign-carrying hoodlums and the egg-throwing cop. The many policemen who surrounded the rally did not dare interfere.

Murphy carried the most solid working class areas, especially the Italian-American districts.

It is in Lawrence and New Bedford that you'll find more evidence of progressive rank and file leadership in the shops than in other New England mill towns. It is in those cities that millowners complain most of their inability to put over bigger workloads. And it is in those cities that Rieve's henchmen get the most lavish praise from the millowners for the cooperation they try to give them. The workers learn fast where live wires are on hand to point out the lessons of their own experience and the way to fight for their own good.

**COMING: Is This Your Family? . . . by Bernard Burton . . . in the weekend Worker**



## Stop Their War Plot

THE PRO-WAR NEWSPAPERS HERE were hard put to it in finding a way to keep from the public the timely ideas contained in the latest statement of the Communist Information Bureau.

The big, central idea in that statement is the need for the peoples of all countries to sharpen their vigilance against the warmongers, to unite all peace-loving persons, regardless of political creed, in opposition to the "inevitable war" fraud.

The CIB statement noted that although the world peace camp is definitely stronger than the pro-war forces, and is growing in strength, that the danger of war has not lessened. On the contrary, the CIB statement realistically notes, the generals, munitions makers, and profiteers who love war are showing a greater desperation as the economic crisis of their system grows. They are therefore more prone to light the fires of world war as their sole hope for profit and power.

ONLY A BLIND MAN CAN FAIL to see that the CIB statement is telling the truth. Did not the Navy Admirals spill the beans to the public when they showed that the Army brass is planning an atomic bomb blitz against the Soviet Union? Did not General Bradley leave the door wide open to Washington's rearming of a Nazi war machine in Western Germany? Is it not a fact, as Soviet Foreign Minister Vishinsky charged at the UN yesterday, that Washington now has 500 war bases scattered over every corner of the earth—in Spain, Iran, Norway, Africa, Britain, etc. etc? Warren Austin did not dare to deny this charge; because it is true.

And now, barely a week after Vishinsky again offered to Washington a plan for UN inspection of all atom production to insure the abolition of atombomb manufacture, Washington provocatively announces a new atombomb test in the Pacific.

TO CONCEAL THIS IMPORTANT MESSAGE of peace and the warning that the banker-generals are hungry for a war, the Big Business press here simply resorted to a crude forgery. They used their newest pal Tito as their headline sensation. They simply lied about the CIB statement on Tito. That statement correctly describes the Tito gang as puppets and spies working for London and Washington from way back. It calls for renewed exposure of these pro-war provocateurs who seized Yugoslavia in the guise of friends of the Soviet Union and as phony "Communists." The CIB applauds the struggle of the Yugoslav Communists and patriots to free their country of the Tito stooges who are selling Yugoslavia to Wall Street.

Out of this the Associated Press manufactured a fake in which the Soviet Union is made to appear as the organizer of an armed aggression against Yugoslavia. Hitler and Mussolini used this trick when they helped their Tito—Franco—destroy the Spanish Republic by "saving Spain" from alleged "Soviet aggression." And the fascist regime of Greece is being bolstered by Washington dollars and generals on the same false ground that the Greek fascists face "Soviet aggression." Tito and the Greek fascists make common cause.

BUT THE POWERFUL MESSAGE OF PEACE will not be downed.

Washington is rushing to rearm a Nazi army in Germany because it cannot find "reliable" cannon fodder anywhere else in Europe, Asia or Latin America. Europe's working class will not fight this maniac war now being cooked up by the Atlantic Pact boys.

The world has every possibility of compelling this war-hungry mob to back down. This takes unity, organization, and a courageous determination to speak out against the horror of new Hiroshimas. The recent Quaker appeal for peace and halt to atombomb production, next Monday's Madison Square Garden meeting for the outlawing of atom war, the recent appeal of the Catholic magazine editor, Rev. Conway, for an atomic settlement—these show the sentiment of Americans of all creeds for peace. This patriotic sentiment to save American lives will make itself felt more.

## THE GIMMICK

—By Fred Ellis



## Why the New York Times Likes Norman Thomas

By Max Gordon

IT SHOULD surprise no one that the New York Times trots out that political mountebank, Norman Thomas, in its desperate pitiable striving to persuade the public that the Foley Square trial against the 11, Communist leaders was not really a major act of political suppression.

At the invitation of the Times editors, Thomas wrote a magazine article a week ago last Sunday on the "dissenter's role" in America. An editorial in the same issue of the paper called attention to the article and lauded Thomas as one "whose sincerity, eloquence, perseverance and faith have earned him an honored place in America's political annals."

Purpose of the article was to "establish" the idea that the Communists are not genuine "dissenters." Hence the trial at Foley Square was not really a persecution of those who dissent from the established policies.

Two grounds were advanced by Thomas for "proving" Communists were not true "dissenters," both as thoroughly phony and fraudulent as Thomas' own role as "dissenter."

- Dissenters are individual prophets and not advocates of mass action, which he described as "mob" action.

- The true American radical did not and does not practice "secret conspiracy, deceit and concealment."

"The menacing conflicts of our time are not between the individual prophet in high places or low and his prejudiced or apathetic neighbors," Thomas wrote. "Increasingly they are between rival groups with different interest and ideologies, all of them inclined to act like mobs rather than fellowships of free men."

"Yet clearly our danger is not from the honest dissenter but from the passions of the mob and those who manipulate it in the struggle for profit and power," he declared later in the article.

By "our danger," he was clearly referring to the dangers faced by the oligarchy represented by himself and the New

York Times at the hands of the "mobs."

Thus, this "Socialist" views the masses of people as "mobs" to be manipulated for "profit and power." Those who seek to organize them on the basis of class interest are not "honest dissenters" operating in "fellowships of free men." Only the ivory tower "prophet" who is no "danger" is entitled to the honored name of "dissenter" and "radical" in the view of this "individual prophet."

No wonder Thomas is so beloved of the New York Times, as of the bourgeoisie in general. He is a nice old gentleman, thoroughly harmless and quite helpful on occasion in resisting the "mobsters" who demand and fight more dangerously for greater security and democracy for the "rabble!"

If the American revolutionaries had depended upon such "dissenters" instead of upon the guns of the minute men and the Sons of Liberty, we would still be paying taxes to the British king.

And if the American working-class had depended upon the Norman Thomases instead of upon their "mob" trade union organizations, they would still be working 14 hours a day for whatever the boss would want to pay them, and without social security of any kind.

As for his second claim, Thomas wrote that American radicalism from colonial times, has never used "secret conspiratorial" methods, but a "flamboyant honesty" which "loves the light."

Thomas should know the history of this country better. He would know that reactionary oppression has compelled liberty-loving Americans from the Founding Fathers on to defend their liberties with methods denounced as "conspiratorial." The elementary fact is that from the secret drilling of the Sons of Liberty, through the Jeffersonian struggle against the Hamiltonian aristocracy, the "Underground Railway" and abolitionist movement of Civil War days, the trade union organizations, right up to the nineteen-thirties, every great popular mass movement which left its mark on the course of social progress in America

had to be organized in concealment, and was viewed as "conspiracy" by those in power.

Jefferson, for instance, had to affect a fake "retirement" to Monticello, and from there carry on secretly his "conspiracy" to organize the people against usurpation of power by the commercial aristocracy of his day.

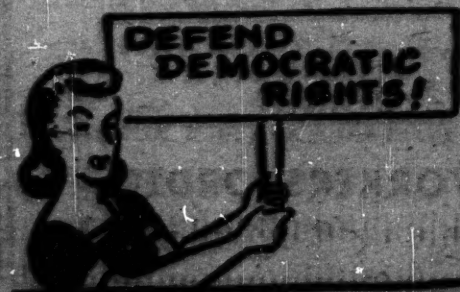
Communist "concealment," such as it is (and it is, of course, enormously blown up and distorted because the real nature of the Communist Party does not conform to New York Times mythology), flows precisely from the same need to protect the individual and the movement from persecution, including the passage of repressive laws and heresy trials which deprive Communists of their rights.

Thomas tried to prove, by citing his own freedom from persecution, that the Communists really had nothing to be afraid of, and hence that this was not really the reason for their "concealment."

The gentleman apparently was blissfully unaware that this proved something else entirely; namely, that his type of "dissent" and "radicalism" is highly cherished, not feared, by those who control political and economic power today.

It is a truism in our political life today that on all basic issues of policy, you strip the "humanitarian" phraseology from Thomas' language and you have almost an exact repetition of the principles and program advanced by the most reactionary section of the capitalist class.

What better gauge is there than the fact that, instead of suffering persecution, he is praised, flattered and invited to write for the New York Times?





# Thomas Drops 'Not Guilty' Plea

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ported that Thomas imbibed two or three cocktails before dinner, and smoked several cigars a day in his efforts to recover from a series of stomach operations.

Thomas' status as a congressman was left up in the air. Under the Constitution, a person found guilty of a felony loses his civil rights, one of which is the right to run for and hold office. It is up to Congress, however, to vote on whether to deprive Thomas of his seat in the House.

Ever since July, 1948, when Thomas' payroll-padding and kick-back practices were first revealed in newspaper stories by columnist Drew Pearson, Thomas has been denying the charges vehemently. Increasing his anti-Communist and anti-labor venom, Thomas told the voters while running for reelection at the time that the charges were part of a Communist plot to get him.

He was indicted Nov. 9, a day

## Schappes to Speak On Israel Friday

Morris U. Schappes, historian and lecturer, will speak on "Social and Class Conflicts in Israel" tomorrow (Friday), 8:30 p.m., at the School of Jewish Studies, 575-6th Ave.

This will be the first of a series of bi-monthly forums on the political and cultural life of the Jewish people, arranged jointly by the School of Jewish Studies and the Jefferson School of Social Science. Admission is 60 cents.

## Predicts Huge Drop in Farm Income

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 (UP).—Oris V. Wells, the Agriculture Department's top economic forecaster, said today net farm income next year may "drift" as low as \$12,000,000,000.

It hit a high of \$18,000,000,000 in 1947, when the world was looking to this country for food, then went into a tailspin that still is in progress. It is expected to total only about \$14,000,000,000 this year.

Wells, chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, made his forecast before a Senate subcommittee which is trying to find out why retail food prices are not falling as fast as farm prices.

## 11's Lawyers

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York; Abraham J. Isserman in New York and New Jersey and George W. Crockett, Jr., in Detroit.

Trade unions, chapters of the Lawyers Guild, Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions, Civil Rights Congress and the Nonpartisan Committee for the Defense of the Communist Leaders, have asked a postponement of the lawyers' case. A national committee is being organized with headquarters in New York.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 30.—Robert W. Kenny, prominent state Democratic leader, greeted the stay of execution on sentence for contempt of Harry Bridges' lawyer, Vincent Hallinan. Judge Robert B. Harris slapped a six-month contempt sentence on Hallinan, but held off execution after protests that the action would deprive Bridges of counsel. Harris ruled, however, that Hallinan would have to begin serving the sentence immediately upon conclusion of the trial.

Kenny declared: "I am delighted that Judge Harris relented and won't deprive Harry Bridges of the services of his counsel. It would be highly unfair and a very serious thing if Bridges were deprived of the services of an attorney who has so many months preparing the case."

Other prominent leaders here who spoke up included Reuben W. Borough, former public works commissioner; William B. Easterman, Independent Progressive Party state committeeman; William Lawrence, regional director, International Longshoremen's Union; Leon Gorelick, business agent, Mine-Mill Union; Herbert Riberman, one of the "Hollywood Ten," and Jack Renshaw, county executive vice chairman, IPPF.

after his reelection. At the trial, a year later, it was developed that the Justice Department acted to secure the indictment on the basis of Miss Campbell's confession to the FBI.

Holtzoff dismissed the conspiracy indictment against Miss Campbell on the strength of her statement to the FBI and because she said she acted under Thomas' orders.

## OTHER WITNESSES

U.S. attorneys had scheduled Mrs. Rean Chilson, the former Myra Midkiff, as their next witness after the morning recess. A niece of Miss Campbell's, Mrs. Chilson was reported to have turned back more than \$6,000 to Thomas in her four years as a clerk who never did any work for Thomas.

Another scheduled witness, Mrs. Jacqueline Hill, had kicked back more than \$850 to the Congressman who had her name placed on his payroll of the Un-American Committee. She, too, never did more than address 500 Christmas cards for Thomas, it was related.

Thomas, it was also revealed in the two preceding days of the trial, also placed a 71-year-old bedridden aunt, and his daughter-in-law on his payroll. The two never performed any official Congressional work.

Government checks were sent monthly to Thomas's false employees. The checks were endorsed, and either returned to Thomas or Miss Campbell, or cashed and given to Thomas. Miss Campbell, when receiving an endorsed

check, would deposit the check in her account and write out a personal check for the same amount to be deposited in Thomas' bank account.

From the testimony and evidence, as it developed, it appeared that more officials of the Un-American Committee than Thomas had knowledge of the fraud. The government prosecutors did not attempt to bring out the number of committee officials involved, however.

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WAGNER will be discussed by Sidney Finkelstein on How to Listen to Music at the Jefferson School, 575 Sixth Ave. 8:15 p.m. Sub \$1.

INTERMARRIAGE AND CHAUVINISM will be discussed by Mark Tarall on Marriage and Family Life, at the Jefferson School, 575 Sixth Ave. 8:30 p.m. Sub \$1.  
EXCITING DANCE FILM FESTIVAL, Films of Africa, China, Cuba, India, Mexico, USSR and Prague Youth Festival. Thursday, Dec. 1, 8:30, Panel Room—13 Astor Place. Tickets available in advance. New Dance Group, 9 E. 59th St., Bookfair, 133 W. 44th St., and at door. Ausp.: People's Dance Group. Proceeds for Civil Rights.

### Coming

DAWN OF A MINE—a film of workers who mold their own destiny. Single showing Friday 10:30 p.m., Stanley Theatre. For reservations call The German American, Cortland 7-0498. Adm. \$1.20.

"ATOMIC PHYSICS," full length film on the history and development of atomic energy. Friday, Dec. 2, at the Cornish Arms Hotel, 23rd St. and Eighth Ave. Two showings—7:30 and 9:30. \$1 plus tax. Ausp.: Science and Tech. Div. ASP—informal social.

THIS WEEKEND see "Hangmen Also Die." Saturday night at 111 W. 88th St. Social. Sunday night at 13 Astor Place. Social and folk dancing. Ausp.: Film Div. Arts, sciences and Professions.

OPERA FOR THE PEOPLE. Committee for the Negro in the Arts Opera Workshop makes its debut with Mozart's "Abduction from the Seraglio." Friday, Dec. 2, at 8:30 p.m. The Panel Room, 13 Astor Place. Tickets 90c, \$1.20, \$1.50.

THE JEFFERSON THEATRE WORKSHOP presents "Awake and Sing," three-act classic by Clifford Odets. Friday, Dec. 2, 8:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 3, 8:30 p.m. and Sunday (matinee), Dec. 4, 3:30 p.m., at the Jefferson School Theatre, 575 Sixth Ave. Under the direction of Al Saxe. Adm. \$1 tax included.

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## Alabama Court to Hear Taylor Appeal

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Nov. 30.

(UP).—Idaho Senator Glen Taylor will seek a test of segregation laws in Alabama tomorrow when an appeals court reviews his conviction for disorderly conduct.

In 1948 police arrested Taylor, then vice-presidential candidate on the Henry A. Wallace Progressive Party ticket, for trying to use the Negro entrance of a church in Birmingham, Ala.



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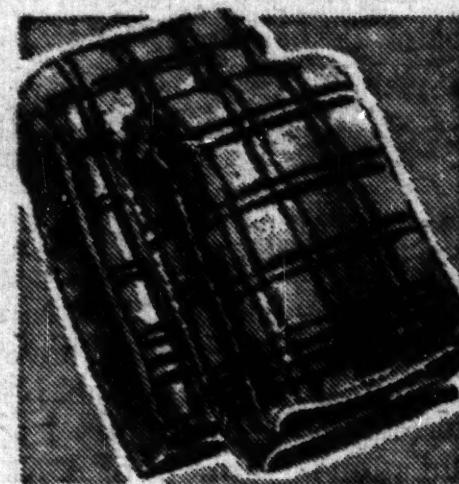
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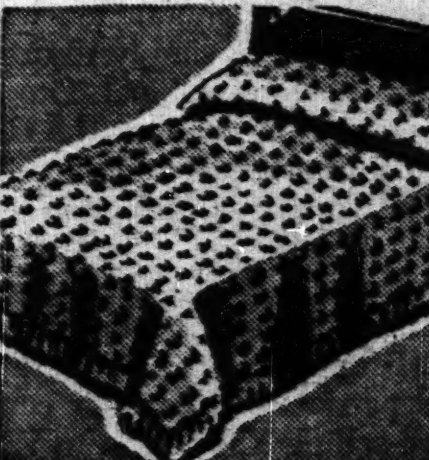
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## Bulgarian

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member of the Politburo of the Bulgarian Communist Party. He was relieved of his posts last April. Ivan Stefanov, former finance minister, dismissed several months ago as "unreliable."

Nikola Pavlov, former head of the Control Commission of the Communist Party and Deputy Minister of Public Works.

Nikola Nachev, former deputy president of the cabinet's finance and economic committee.

Tzoni Tsonchev, former governor of the Bulgarian National Bank.

Ivan Slavov Gevrenov, former director of the rubber industry.

Ivan Georgiev Otev, former bureau chief in the Foreign Trade Ministry.

Blagoi Panzov, former counselor of the Yugoslav Embassy in Sofia. It is charged Panzov was sent here as a Yugoslav intelligence agent and that he falsely declared himself an enemy of Tito to aid his work as a spy.

Vassil Athanasov Ivanovsky, Yugoslav intelligence agent.

Ilya Bayaltzaliev, also a Tito agent.

Boris Christov, named as having worked for the fascist police.

Also mentioned in the indictment, though not named as defendants, were former minister of industry Petko Junin, former construction minister Manol Sekelarov, and former deputy minister of railroads Vassil Markov.

### AMERICANS INVOLVED

Foreigners mentioned included Donald Read Heath, American Minister to Bulgaria; James Clark, former aide in the American legation; Oscar Andersen, American intelligence agent; Stephen P. House, first secretary of the British legation, and Col. William Bailey, chief of British intelligence in the Balkans.

The aides of Tito mentioned are Yugoslav Foreign Minister Eduard Kardelj, Interior Minister Alexander Rankovic and Minister Without Portfolio Milovan Djilas.

The indictment quoted Kostov himself as admitting that the United States reached "complete agreement" with Tito to back a revolution by which Bulgaria would be annexed to Yugoslavia. Kostov was quoted as saying:

"Heath pointed out that I must consider the advice which I will receive from Tito and his closest collaborators as being the advice also of Americans, and in this respect there has been complete agreement between them (Americans) and Tito."

Heath was said to have made this statement to Kostov when he first arrived here in 1947. At that time, Kostov was acting premier.

Kostov was quoted as saying that Tito hated Dimitroff and advised that Kostov should "arrest, and if necessary, liquidate him."

Tito was quoted also as having told Kostov that the British had lost their influence in the Balkans "and must now make way for prospering American capitalism."

Tito, according to the indictment, told Kostov that Kostov must adopt a policy of "decisive action," get his own men into all dominant posts and "to possess sufficient organized force to paralyze, at the moment of the first blow, the opponents of our policy."

Kostov was quoted as saying that Yugoslav Foreign Minister Kardelj told him: "The British and Americans explicitly promised Tito they would not hinder the joining of Bulgaria to Yugoslavia." It was asserted Kostov admitted he accepted Tito's proposition of annexation.

## 'Due Process' Series Resumes Next Week

The next installment of the series **TYRANNY IN A COURTROOM** will appear next week. Due to the extraordinary space requirements of the present series on Judge Medina by Art Shields we have postponed the continuation of **DUE PROCESS IN A POLITICAL TRIAL**.

## Call Italy 24-Hour General Strike

ROME, Nov. 30.—The Italian Confederation of Labor today called for a nationwide 24-hour general strike tomorrow to protest the massacre of workers at Torremaggiore when police attacked striking farm laborers. Two workers were killed and 12 injured seriously. Torremaggiore is near Foggia in south central Italy.

## Kuomintang

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dermined the two protests sent by the State Department to the Kuomintang for shelling two U. S. merchant vessels and in effect gave the green light to Chiang Kai-shek's gunboats.

Acheson admitted that in the shelling of the Isbrandtsen line ship, the Sir John Franklin, outside of Chinese territorial waters, not only were American lives endangered but American rights were violated. Freedom from molestation on the high seas is a legal right, Acheson said but added that there was always a question of policy as to whether you enforced your legal rights.

Following the first incident, the State Department sent a protest to the Kuomintang clique in Canton, declaring that American lives were endangered. Yesterday, it was reported, the department sent another protest which has not been made public. Acheson said this second protest goes further than the first, asserting that American rights were violated.

The legal situation, the Secretary of State said, was that any nation has a right to close any of its ports. If it closes a port in fact, he added, and a ship attempts to come out or go in, that ship can be arrested or detained even on the high seas. But where the government simply declares a blockade and cannot make it effective, it can seize a trespassing ship only in territorial waters (within the three-mile limit).

Since the U. S. does not recognize the Kuomintang blockade, it regards the molesting of a U. S. ship outside China's territorial waters as a violation of American rights. The John Franklin was outside the territorial waters part of the time it was being shelled, Acheson said.

### CRITICIZES SHIP FIRM

While Acheson called the shelling of the two U. S. ships a "serious matter," he was far more severe with the Isbrandtsen line than with the Kuomintang clique. He said that all shipping lines had been informed of the Kuomintang's blockade and that if they tried to enter Shanghai they would do so on their own responsibility and at their own risk.

Acheson then lashed out sharply against the Chinese Communists. He said they had detained chief electrician William C. Smith and Master Sgt. Elmer C. Bender in Tsingtao since October, 1948.

Apparently with the help of the Scripps-Howard press, Acheson intends to keep the Smith-Bender case in the headlines as an attempt to answer those Americans urging recognition of the new Chinese People's Government.

## Miners

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Miami where the President is vacationing. His labor adviser, John R. Steelman, was also reported there.

A rumor that Lewis met with a U. S. Steel official prior to departure from Washington Monday evaporated yesterday.

The coal operators had been standing pat on their position that the President must invoke the Taft-Hartley Law, which could postpone the strike for 90 days.

The miners are demanding an improvement in the welfare fund, and a return to the 35-hour week they had before the war at 40 hours' pay.

## Laborites Lose In New Zealand

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, Nov. 30.—The National Party defeated the Labor Party in today's general election, returns showed tonight. The Labor Party had been in power 14 years.

The Laborites conceded defeat to the National group. The New Zealand result was considered an upset.

The Laborites trailed by at least 75,000 votes throughout the country and lost at least eight seats in the House of Representatives.

The count showed that the new House of Representatives would have 46 National Party deputies and 34 Laborites. The former division of power was 42 Labor deputies and 38 Nationalists.

## Johnson

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had been discussed. But the Daily Worker story also showed, Bradley said in his speech that the question of a German army was now in the hands of the State Department.

The same Daily Worker story also noted that Bradley's speech flatly contradicted a previous disclaimer from President Truman. The latter had described as "made out of whole cloth" a Paris dispatch from Times correspondent Drew Middleton which first broke the story of Western European military staff discussions on the German army.

On Nov. 24, the Daily Worker carried a report on Secretary Johnson's meeting with Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, head of the

## Johnson Sees Folies—But Not of War Moves

PARIS, Nov. 30.—U. S. Defense Secretary Louis Johnson saw the Folies Bergere last night.

"western union" military committee. To date, Johnson has not claimed that the Daily Worker "misquoted" his comments on the parley.

On Nov. 25, the Daily Worker quoted a United Press dispatch from London describing "western military strategists" as being "interested in the long range possibilities of using a future German army to push the Atlantic Pact frontier to the Elbe River, 50 miles west of Berlin."

### BARES PACT

On the same day, the Daily Worker front-paged a story exposing the pact between the State Department and the West German puppet state ending the dismantling of German war industry and restoring the Nazi trusts to full power.

The same story quoted Karl Adenauer, puppet chancellor, as admitting that a phony pact clause about the "earnest desire to maintain" German demilitarization was "nothing but a psychological act to satisfy security demands by certain European nations" — in other words, an attempt to trick Britons and Frenchmen into believing Germany is not being re-armed.

On Nov. 28, Daily Worker foreign editor Joseph Starobin noted the prompt reaction of the newspaper, *Le Monde* (the "Times" of Paris) to the Daily Worker's story on Gen. Bradley's admissions. Starobin pointed out that not only did *Le Monde* follow the Daily Worker expose by securing an extended interview with Bradley, but it had earlier printed a Berlin dispatch calling attention to the "decision, curious and secret," of the allied military governments, which "formally invited the west German state to pay monthly pensions to all German army career-men."

Life of the Party, by Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, appears in the Daily Worker Tuesday and Friday.

## NMU

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\$500 bail each, and the case was adjourned until Dec. 7.

A meeting of anti-Curran forces was called by NMU vice president Jack Lawrenson for last night to prepare for tonight's meeting.

### NEW COMMITTEE

A Citizens Committee was scheduled to meet with Police Commissioner O'Brien yesterday evening to seek an end of police interference. The committee said it would seek to be present as observers at tonight's meeting.

The committee, headed by Norman Thomas, had met with Lawrenson, but Curran refused to see them. Other members of the committee are Dorothy Day, editor of the *Catholic Worker*; Dr. Robert Searle, executive secretary of the Human Relations Committee of the Protestant Council of New York; the Rev. Marshall L. Scott, dean of the Presbyterian Institute of Human Relations, and George Rundquist, assistant director of the American Civil Liberties Union.

The committee said that it had found "considerable evidence of flagrant violations of the union constitution and the rights of members" in what it described as a "factional struggle."

### PLOT TO PACK MEETING

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 30.—Local henchmen of Joseph Curran are preparing to pack tomorrow night's New York membership meeting of the National Maritime Union with several hundred goons imported from this area, rank and file seamen reported today.

Mobilizing the goons, they said, is Joseph Donahue, Philadelphia NMU port agent. Seamen declared that Donahue and his henchmen are forcing rank and

filers to agree to become part of the goon squad, under threat of having their shipping cards taken away. This threat was voiced by Donahue himself over the loud speaker system in the NMU hall, seamen said. This means of coercion is having an effect on some rank and filers not necessarily in agreement with Curran and his local henchmen, it was reported.

Seamen here have been terrorized in the past week by these goons acting in cooperation with the police. Rank and filers who had been prevented by police from distributing leaflets in front of the NMU hall contacted the Civil Rights Congress today and filed a complaint through that organization with the Police Department. Officers in Inspector Doyle's labor squad agreed to permit leaflet distributions, it was reported.

The local commercial press here front-paged "reports" that the Communist Party had imported 200 of its members here with orders to "take over" the local NMU hall. This gave the excuse for the police to enter the scene.

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9:00-WOR—Harry Hennessey  
WJZ—Breakfast Club  
WJZ—This Is New York  
WJZ—Masterwork Hour

9:15-WNBC—Norman Brokenshire  
WOR—Marvin Miller  
WJZ—Food—Alfred M. McCann  
WQXR—Piano Personalities

9:45-WNBC—Inside the Doctor's Office  
WJZ—Missus Goes A-Shopping  
WQXR—Composers' Varieties

10:00-WNBC—Welcome Travelers  
WOR—Henry Gladstone  
WJZ—My True Story  
WQXR—Sing Crosby Show  
WQXR—Morning Melodies

10:15-Martha Deane Program  
WJZ—Arthur Godfrey Show  
WJZ—Betty Crocker Magazine  
WJZ—Chairside Chats

10:45-WNBC—Dorothy Dix  
WJZ—Money Saving Club  
WJZ—Music

11:00-We Love and Learn  
WOR—News  
WJZ—Modern Romances  
WJZ—Medical Talk  
WQXR—News, Alma Dittlinger

11:15-WNBC—To be announced  
WOR—Tello Test

11:30-WNBC—Jack Serch  
WOR—The Menious  
WJZ—Buddy Rogers Show  
WQXR—Grand Flam  
WQXR—Violin Personalities

11:45-WNBC—Lora Lawton  
WQXR—Rosemary

**AFTERNOON**

12:00-WNBC—News Roundup  
WOR—Kate Smith Speaks  
WJZ—Houseparty  
WQXR—Wendy Warren—Sketch  
WJZ—Midday Symphony  
WQXR—News, Luncheon Concert

12:15-WNBC—Ann Jenny's Stories  
WJZ—Norman Brokenshire

12:30-WOR—News  
WJZ—Helen Trent  
WJZ—News, Herb Sheldon  
WQXR—Luncheon at Sardi's

1:00-WNBC—Mary Margaret McBride  
WJZ—Baukhage Talking  
WQXR—Big Sister  
WJZ—String Music  
WQXR—News, Midday Symphony

1:15-WJZ—Nancy Craig  
WQXR—Ma Perkins

1:30-WNBC—Young Dr. Malone  
WOR—Hollywood Theatre

1:45-WNBC—The Guiding Light  
2:00-WJZ—Breakfast in Hollywood  
WJZ—Double or Nothing  
WOR—Second Honeymoon  
WQXR—Second Mrs. Burton  
WQXR—Record Review

2:15-WNBC—Perry Mason  
2:30-WNBC—Today's Children  
WOR—Queen for a Day  
WJZ—Bride and Groom  
WQXR—Curtain at 2:30

2:45-WNBC—Light of the World  
WQXR—The Brighter Day

3:00-WNBC—Lila Can Be Beautiful  
WJZ—Romantic Songs  
WOR—Answer Man  
WQXR—David Harum  
WQXR—News, Symphonic Matinee

3:15-WNBC—Head of Life  
WQXR—Hilltop House  
WJZ—Vera Vogue show

3:30-WNBC—Pepet Young  
WOR—Happiness Exchange  
WQXR—Gay Moore Show  
WJZ—Ladies Be Seated

2:45-WNBC—Right to Happiness  
4:00-WNBC—Backstage Wife  
WOR—Barbara Welles  
WJZ—Galen Drake  
WNYC—Disk Date  
WQXR—Record Album

4:15-WNBC—Stella Dallas  
4:30-WJZ—Melody Promenade  
WQXR—News, Music  
WOR—Prince Charming Show  
WQXR—Loren Jones

4:45-WNBC—Young Wilder Brown  
WJZ—Patt Barnes

5:00-WJZ—Green Hornet  
WQXR—When a Girl Marries  
WQXR—Galen Drake  
WOR—Straight Arrow—Sketch  
WNYC—Sunset Serenade  
WQXR—News: Today in Music

5:15-WNBC—Portia Faces Life  
WQXR—Record Review

5:30-WOR—Captain Midnight

**RADIO HIGHLIGHTS**  
Thursday, Dec. 1

**PM**

9:00—Screen Guild Theatre.  
WJZ.

9:30—Duffy's Tavern, WNBC.

10:00—Author Meets the Critic.  
WJZ.

**TV**

9:00—Ed Wynn show, WJZ.

9:00—Morey Amsterdam show.  
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WJZ—Just Plain Bill  
WJZ—Jack Armstrong  
WQXR—Hits and Misses  
WQXR—Cocktail Time

9:45-WNBC—Front Page Parrot

**EVENING**

6:00-WNBC—Kenneth Bagnhart, News  
WJZ—Joe Hassel  
WNYC—Guest Star  
WQXR—Eric Seward, News  
WQXR—News; Dance Theatre

6:15-WNBC—Sports  
WOR—Bob Sloan, Interviews  
WQXR—You and Adventure  
WJZ—Alice Prescott

6:30-WNBC—Wayne Stewart Show  
WOR—News Reports  
WQXR—Curt Hanes  
WNYC—Veteran's News  
WQXR—Dinner Concert

6:45-WNBC—Three Star Extra  
WQXR—Lowell Thomas  
WNYC—Weather; City News  
WOR—Stan Loman

7:00-WNBC—Singer, Songs  
WJZ—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Comment  
WJZ—Headline Edition  
WNYC—Masterwork Hour  
WQXR—Deziah Show  
WQXR—Keyboard Artists

7:15-WNBC—News of the World  
WJZ—Answer Man  
WJZ—Elmer Davis, News

7:30-WNBC—Serenade to America  
WJZ—David Harding, Sketch  
WQXR—Club 15—Variety  
WOR—Gabriel Heatter  
WQXR—Hambro & Zarba, Piano

7:45-WOR—I Love a Mystery  
WQXR—Edward Murrow

8:00-WNBC—The Aldrich Family  
WJZ—Fire Mysteries  
WJZ—Blonde Comedy  
WQXR—Your FBI

8:30-WNBC—Father Knows Best  
WJZ—A Date with Judy  
WOR—Fishing and Hunting  
WQXR—Mr. Keen  
WNYC—Cooper Union Series

8:55-WOR—News

9:00-WOR—Comedy Theatre  
WQXR—Suspense, Play  
WJZ—Amateur Hour  
WQXR—Screen Guild Theatre  
WQXR—Concert Hall

9:30-WNBC—Duffy's Tavern  
WQXR—Crime Photographer  
WQXR—Record Rarities

10:00-WNBC—Supper Club  
WJZ—Author Meets Critics  
WOR—The Better Half  
WQXR—Playhouse

10:30-WNBC—Dragnet, Sketch  
WOR—The Symphonette  
WQXR—Hollywood Theatre  
WJZ—Someone You Know, Play  
WQXR—Gilbert Sullivan Music

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**TOKYO JOE.** Bogart says Japanese fascists and Communists are in cahoots.

**SEE WORK A YELLOW HORIZON.** The worst of Westerns distorting the history of the Indian nation and presenting Indians characteristically.

## Hollywood:

# Shirley Graham on 'Pinky'

By David Platt

SHIRLEY GRAHAM, author of Your Humble Servant, story of the great Negro scientist Benjamin Banneker, made the following remarks on Lost Boundaries, Home of the Brave and Pinky at a recent public meeting of the Writing and Publishing Division of the Arts, Sciences and Professions. "These films, regardless of anything else that's thrown in, emphasize from beginning to end that it is a terrible disgrace to be a Negro. The basic fact in these pictures is that the Negro is a degraded creature, that whites are superior beings and because they are superior they can afford to be tolerant to the Negro. Lost Boundaries said there is something innately wrong in being black. Home of the Brave said this a little better technically and with more subtlety. It went one step higher but it still said it. And Pinky—for God's sake—they sort of slipped there. That one wasn't even subtle."

Miss Graham, who is herself a Negro, then revealed that a major movie company that had asked to see her book There Was Once A Slave, a biography of the fighting Negro Abolitionist Frederick Douglass, turned it down for the following reason: "It is absolutely impossible," said the studio official, "for any one in this industry to make a film in which a Negro is an active protagonist and hero."

As long as this conception of the Negro prevails in Hollywood, we will continue to get films in which the marginal problem of

'passing' is made to appear as though it were THE great question before the Negro people and the nation today, film which equate a black skin with a crippled arm.

**FLASHES AND CLOSEUPS:** The War Department has quietly ordered its service branches to destroy all prints of the friendly U. S. wartime documentary Battle of Russia. . . . Copenhagen banned Abbott and Costello Meet The Killers as "too gruesome." Particular exception was taken to the scene in which the comedians play cards with a group of corpses. . . . Influence of the brute cult on British films is seen in the growing number of Rank pictures with titles like No Work for the Undertaker

and Poison Road. . . . Lewis Jacobs, author of The Rise of the American Film is working on a ten-minute subject based on Lincoln's Gettysburg Address for distribution by A. F. Films. . . . Red Danube opens next Thursday at the Capitol. . . . Carl Dreyer, Danish director of Passion of Joan of Arc and Day of Wrath is planning a film on the discovery of America by a Viking expedition about the year-1,000.

A LIVING newspaper treatment of the Case of the Hollywood Ten, also a film-strip in color with recorded narration on the same issue are available to organizations at the New York office of The Ten, 49 W. 44 St., Room 71.

## Music:

### A Noteworthy Recital by Sylvia Kahn, George Goodman

SYLVIA KAHN, soprano and George Goodman, baritone, gave a recital last Friday night in the panel room of 13 Astor Place which was noteworthy for clear and intelligent rendition. The first part of the program included songs by Bach, Handel, Mozart, Schumann and Brahms. The second part was more modern.

This reviewer was unfortunately able to get only to the second part, but on the basis of what he heard he can say that rarely is a singer heard whose enunciation is so good or who brings out the meaning so clearly as Miss Sylvia Kahn did.

She was particularly successful in Dougherty's Declaration of Independence, where she showed considerable dramatic ability and a good variety of tones. George Goodman's voice was also flexible and varied and pleasant to hear. In an encore, he presented a song about Mother Hubbard, satirically imitating the classical aria form, and showed how much those missed who came too late to hear the first part.

The young woman accompanist did an excellent job. Her name was not mentioned on the program I was able to obtain.—B. L.

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## Ted Tinsley Says

### HEINZ'S VARIETY LAY-OFFS

**WOMEN'S WEAR DAILY**, a publication devoted to the interests of clothing manufacturers and retailers, recently published an article called: **SMALLER STORE LISTS 50 WAYS TO CUT EXPENSES**. It's a rather gruesome article, and although it took up almost one double column in the paper, I could rewrite it in exactly one sentence without losing any of its content of flavor.

What are these many methods to cut expenses? Well, the stores can use "stockroom people as salespeople during peak sales."

Method number one: Speed-up.

They can "combine shipping and receiving departments." This will "reduce personnel." Method number two: Lay-offs.

Stores can combine "advertising and display under one man." Method number three: Lay-offs.

"On slow days," wrote the author of this article, "we are splitting our help wherever possible, having one half come in 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the other half from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. This eliminates lunch-hour period." Method number four: Lay-offs.

Method number five: "Less mail stuffers." Lay-offs. Here we are with half the article gone, and the "50 ways to cut expenses" still add up to two ways: speed-up and lay-offs. What are the other 48 ways? You're in for a surprise!

The author writes, "We re-devised our entire accounting and audit procedure, which not only eliminated one office girl, but also gave us more accurate information. . . . Aha, a new method! Lay-offs!"

But wait! Here's another way: "Readjusted duties of non-selling and selling employees, eliminating several positions." Since the several positions were probably filled by several people, this bright new idea is—lay-offs!

Now we learn that the author installed an accounting machine which "saved one office worker." (It saved him from his job.)

**HERE'S ANOTHER METHOD:** "Number of employees cut—expect greater productivity—minimum wage lifted slightly, maximum level lowered slightly. . . . This combines the speed-up and the lay-off into one compact package."

On we go! "Bookkeeper and cashier on part-time. . . . four buyers where we previously had seven. . . . 'Changed salesmen's salary plus commission to straight draw on commissions. . . . Eliminated a Western buying office. . . ."

The final and most brilliant method: "In our janitorial work we made a job analysis: Vacuum cleaning and cleaning of toilets now done by a woman, waxing and sweeping and breaking of boxes done by a man. Saving in salary, and work accomplished quicker and more efficiently."

Now it is clear what management means when they ask employees to cooperate in increasing efficiency. You do cooperate by leaving your job quietly and without undue fuss.

Women's Wear Daily could have cut expenses by publishing this article in the following form:

#### ONE WAY FOR A STORE TO MAKE MORE MONEY

A store will make more money by paying fewer people less money. It's the same article—but less pretentious.

### Committee for Negro in the Arts Presents:

## New Opera Company In Mozart Classic

A **NEW OPERA** company makes its bow this Friday night at Local 65's Panel Room. When the curtain rings up on the Committee for the Negro in the Arts' opera production of Mozart's "Abduction from the Seraglio," the beginning of a new chapter in the history of people's music may well be under way.

Some six months ago, a number of singers, Negro and white, got together to decide what they could do to fight against the Jim-crow system in opera, and, at the same time, make use of a wealth of talent which they knew existed to begin to explore the limitless possibilities in this field.

The result was the Opera Workshop of the Committee for the Negro in the Arts. This group, working without money and physical assets which most opera companies have, decided that their first job was to produce. What they lacked financially and physically, they more than made up for with musical ability, enthusiasm, energy and undying will to perform music for the people.

**THEIR FIRST** production, which makes its debut under the auspices of Peoples Artists, Inc., is, appropriately enough, the rarely performed Mozart opera, "The Abduction from Seraglio." The opera deals with many of the outstanding social questions of Mozart's time, as well as of the present day. Central to the theme of the opera is the treatment and status of women with the emergence of Blondie, one of the leading roles in the opera, as a staunch defender of women's rights. Also stressed in the music and the story

is the dignity of non-European, non-Christian peoples.

Faced with the physical problems of the financial impossibility of engaging a full orchestra, as well as limitations of stage and hall, the company decided that there was no reason to completely follow standard methods of opera production.

Accordingly, they worked out a concert-style presentation for the work. A single piano provides the accompaniment, much in the style of the original production of "The Cradle Will Rock." A narrator ties the story of the opera together. The editing was done by the workshop's musical director, Harris Danziger, who also directed the production of the opera. Marian Cohen is the accompanist.

**LEADING ROLES** in the opera are sung by Dorothy Ross, as Constanza, Lucille Peoples as Blondie, Charles Riley as Belmonte, Charles Fragomeni as Pedrillo and Randolph Robinson as Osmin.

The plans of the opera workshop include performances for trade unions, Negro organizations and other interested groups. Groups interested in booking the production should contact Peoples Artists Inc., 13 Astor Pl., O'Regon 7-4816. Immediately after their production this Friday night, the Workshop will undertake other works, including modern as well as standard repertoire.

Tickets for the Friday night performance at 90c, \$1.20 and \$1.50 are available at the Local 65 Bookshop, Peoples Artists Inc., both at 13 Astor Place, and at the Committee for the Negro in the Arts, 77 5 Ave.

### On Stage:

## 'Wedding in Japan,' Play on Army Jimcrow by Ted Pollack

By **Barnard Rubin**

**EVERY ONCE** in a while, in the last year or so, the Dramatic Workshop has been putting on a play, **Wedding in Japan**, by Ted Pollack, which takes some well-deserved and well-delivered pokes at Army Jimcrow and its anti-Negro court martial set-up and reveals the author as a new, progressive playwright who deserves respectful consideration.

**Wedding in Japan** tells the story of the frameup of a Negro soldier by a southern white lieutenant in the occupation army in Japan. The Negro has fallen in love and wants to marry a "high placed" Japanese girl who the white officer is out to make. When the latter learns that he has been rejected for a Negro his southern "honor" is wounded and he falsely accuses the Negro of attacking him.

The major action of the play takes place in the court martial scene which Mr. Pollack handles excitingly and which does a nice job of exposing the Army's caste system of justice with special emphasis on its policy of "keeping the Negro in his place." The white lieutenant of the Negro company, in the spirit of fair play—he has come to respect Negroes and to believe they're "like everybody else since," his assignment—puts up a passionate defense for the Negro, acting as his attorney.

**DESPITE** his expose of the frame-up, the Negro is found guilty but is saved for the time being by his Japanese sweetheart's in-the-nick-of-time statement that he had spent the night in question with her. The Negro soldier had steadfastly refused to use this ability. After making her statement the climax of the play is reached with the girl stabbing herself. The Japanese

tradition, according to the playwright, demanded it.

Mr. Pollack gives his major Negro character dignity and sensitivity—his reaction to an unconsciously chauvinist remark of his sweetheart is particularly well done.

**BUT, ALTHOUGH** the playwright has improved the play somewhat since I saw it last, the fundamental weakness, I believe, is still there: the fact that again, in a progressively-intentioned work it's a white man who is the major carrier of the ball in a struggle for Negro rights. In a time of Robersons, Davis and Pattersons, when the Negro people themselves are leading the struggle for their civil rights it behooves concerned artists, I believe, to bring their works a little closer to reality than the well-intentioned humanitarian business of the Negro being rescued by the sincere white man.

Since whites are aiding the Negro people in their struggle, not vice versa, progressively-intentioned works should, it seems to me, if they deal with the subject, show the Negro in the leading role in

the fight, the active carrier of the battle against an enemy. This would be the true reflection of the reality of the Negro people's struggle.

**TO SAY** that this is demanding a different play from the author is missing the point. The author, once his major theme is clear, consciously and deliberately selects his plot materials and characters to carry it out. If his mental picture of reality is clear his choice of dramatic material will usually be guided by that concept—if not, his material will be fogged the theme rather than illustrate it or, as in this case, the total impact of his work will be good enough as far as it goes, only it won't go far enough to correspond with reality.

**BE THAT** as it may, however, the fact remains, despite thinness in character portrayal, a dubious choice of incident for his climax and some superficial observations about Japanese life and philosophy, that Ted Pollack, with his first play, has emerged as a playwright to be seriously reckoned with—a potential force for health and progress in the theatre.

### STRINDBERG'S 'CREDITORS'

(Concluded from yesterday.)

**STRINDBERG** has characterized his play **Creditors** as "amiable" and you can get an idea of what he means by amiability by seeing On Stage's surprisingly good production of it down at the little Cherry Lane Theatre. **Creditors** is a Strindberg tour de force; all the exposition, character building or revealing, crisis, and conflict usually, or rather unusually, found in a full three-act play is all here in a hot, compact, emotionally charged one-act. There are only three characters (if one excepts a walk-on or two): a woman novelist, who having learned everything her first husband had to teach her, leaves him for another after having held him up to public ridicule in her novel. . . . At present she's engaged in draining the second victim when the first appears on the stage to engage her in a struggle of will and chicanery. There's a bloody, and, as On Stage presented it, mistakenly, I thought, almost a Grand Guignol ending. If this doesn't sound very amiable to you—it isn't; although Strindberg can and does get some sardonic laughs out of the mess.

Frank Corsaro's directing was to the point and forceful; DeWitt Drury and George Hall were both very capable in the male roles. Beatrice Arthur, as the lady in the case, turned in one of the best performances of a very difficult part you'll be likely to see this season. Miss Arthur builds a complicated character with thoughtful and skilled detail; hers is not a monotone played in one string (the bitchy female platitude, for example, which in a lesser-talented actor's hands, it could easily

have become), but a full chromatic scale complete with the shading of dramatic sharps and flats. A solid acting job—a job which refutes the author's own concept of women in the very same play. I'm certain that because Miss Arthur has proven herself such a talented actor it does not of necessity follow that some poor male has sacrificed his will, his soul, and his what-have-you, to make this pleasant discovery possible. —B. R.

### Briefly Noted

20th Century-Fox will re-release six oldies early in 1950: "On the Avenue," starring Dick Powell and Alice Faye made in 1937; "Hudson's Bay," starring Paul Muni, made in 1940; "Submarine Patrol," starring Richard Green, made in 1938; "A Wing and a Prayer," made in 1944, starring Dana Andrews, and "The Gorilla" and "Kentucky Moonshine," both starring the Ritz Brothers, made in 1938.

Gerald L. K. Smith is pressing for resumption of headline-hunting Hollywood "Red" hunt by House Un-American Activities Committee via the petition route to his friends on the committee.

The Jefferson Theater Workshop continues its run of **Awake and Sing** this weekend, after having enjoyed an overflow audience last Saturday night. Clifford Odets' classic 3-act will continue running in order to accommodate all who wish to see it. The production is under the direction of Al Saxe, who directed the Workshop's production **Rehearsal** last season. **Awake and Sing** will be shown at the Jefferson School Theater.

### Books:

#### Halford Hoskins' 'Atlantic Pact'

Somebody decided to make a fast buck with an "analysis" of the North Atlantic Pact while the moment was opportune. The job, as performed by Dr. Halford L. Hoskins is thin in more ways than

**THE ATLANTIC PACT**, by Halford L. Hoskins. Public Affairs Press. Washington. 105 pp. \$2.50.

one, the 102-page volume including the treaty text, chronology of events leading up to the pact and a list of references, as well as the incomparable "analysis."

The author served as a wartime consultant on territorial matters in the State Department. His brilliance of style is matched only by his profound commentary on the pact. The two are characteristically combined in the following, excerpted gem:

"At a press conference on March 18, Secretary of State Acheson undertook to give a frank analysis of the pact. He readily admitted that answers to a number of questions would still have to be found. There had been no decision, for example, as to where headquarters of the alliance would be. He left no doubt, however, that while the pact was fundamentally defensive in character, it was intended to be more than an expression of good will." —R. F.

Poetry comes into its own at Books for Democracy, the ASP annual Christmas book fair, which will take place on Sunday, Dec. 4, at the ACA Gallery at 63 E. 57 St. The following poets will be present to meet you and autograph their books in person to you: Louis Untermeyer, Muriel Rukeyser, Eve Merriam, Rae Dalvin, Milton Blau, Aaron Kramer, Tom McGrath and many others.

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## 49ERS DEMAND PLAYOFF PAY

### Frisco Pro Stars Turned Down, Will Take Strike Vote Today

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 30.—The San Francisco Forty Niner football team today demanded to be paid for Sunday's post-season playoff game with the New York Yankees, and when turned down by owner An-

thony J. Morabito did not turn out for today's practice and announced they would take a strike vote at nine o'clock tomorrow morning. This is the first threatened player strike in professional football history.

Members of the All America Conference club, headed by Captain Norm Standlee, formerly of Stanford, and veteran Len Eshmont, former Fordham star from the Pennsylvania coal area, presented the players' demands to Morabito in a meeting today and were met by a blustering ultimatum from the wealthy contractor to report for practice tomorrow morning at 9:30 a. m. or turn in their suits. Morabito said the game would be forfeited in this event. "I'm not bluffing," he was quoted as saying.

Morabito cited a league rule under which the players do not get paid anything for these post-season playoff games. Under the so-called Shaughnessy playoff system this year, the first four teams play off. The winner of Sunday's game would still have to meet the winner of the Cleveland-Buffalo playoff, making two big money games for which the players do not get paid. The 49ers stars decided this was a cockeyed arrangement.

Indicating the terrific pressure that would be poured onto the players to "bring them back into line" with the no-pay ruling, the AAC Commissioner, O. O. Kessing, promptly sounded off in New York saying "The Conference stands behind the San Francisco Club all the way in whatever action they want to take against a threatened player strike."

"The Frisco club finished second this year, making money for the owners with big crowds. They were the only team to beat the championship Cleveland Browns, pouring it on them at Frisco, and later being nosed out in Cleveland. Standlee and Eshmont are veteran backs with the club since its inception, as is Frankie Albert, famed quarterback from Stanford. A new backfield sensation is Joe

### Pick LIU, NYU To Win Tonight

The first of a series of 28 college doubleheaders mainly featuring New York's Big Five against invaders from all parts of the country takes place tonight with Long Island Uni-

versity host teams to two southern outfits making their Garden debuts. LIU takes the lid off against Texas A&M and NYU follows against Vanderbilt.

Both locals figure to win, with the Texans rated a more severe test on their height, though it's all guesswork at this stage. Vanderbilt has one veteran ace in Billy Adcock who has averaged 15 points a game for three years, and a flock of sophs, some from Indiana, which always means aiming for the basketball big time.

LIU has essentially a tight, six man team, figured much improved over last year. In its last warmup, the Brooklynites Tuesday night beat Virginia Tech 73-53 with Sherman White scoring 23, Leroy Smith 18 and Herb Scherer 14. Juniors Feurtado and Bigos and senior Eddie Gard round it out. White, who was prematurely touted as a surefire All American as a soph, was coming fast last year

Perry, Negro star from Compton Junior College.

Star end Alyn Beals, contacted by the United Press, said the team was fully behind the walk-out plan. "We're all together on this thing," he said.

The threat of an owners' blacklist also will be hung over the players. However, the National League is in a bitter war with the AAC, trying to run it out of business, and might gladly welcome the chance to accept the Frisco players as "jumpers" and strike a death blow at the new league through its second best team.

#### NO MATCH FOR PROS—N.D. COACH

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Dec. 1: (UP).—Even Notre Dame's most ardent supporters scoff at the thought that the Mighty Irish, only one game away from a third consecutive unbeaten season, could furnish a fair contest for a professional football team.

Coach Frank Leahy laughed at the mere suggestion of a match with the pros. "They'd run away with us," he said.

and Clair Bee thinks he is now the best big man around these parts.

NYU will take the floor with the prolific scoring 6-3½ Joel Kaufman, Becker, Barry, Derderian and 6-5 Jim Hendry, junior center who is backed up by 6-3 Bill Jensen. Slated for lots of action in all Violet games are Quilty, Tustin and Sumin of last year's squad, and sophs Schaff and Brasco, the former considered a potential high scorer as

No sellout or anything like it looms. Those days of automatic sellouts are gone. However, Saturday night's bill of Manhattan-Siena and CCNY-Lafayette may fill the house. Siena is bringing down a big rooting section from Albany. City alumni and fans are anxious for their first look at the team.

WE PREDICT: LIU over Texas A&M, NYU over Vanderbilt, Siena over Manhattan, CCNY over Lafayette. . . . L. R.

## NEWCOMBE, SIEVERS 'ROOKIES OF YEAR'

Don Newcombe, Brooklyn' exceptional young hurler, and Roy Sievers, a standout outfielder with the weak St. Louis Browns, were officially named major league Rookies of the Year yesterday by the Baseball Writers of America. (Each won the 'Sporting News' award last month, but this is the official vote and award).

Newcombe didn't even start the season with the Dodgers, but he came their clutch pitcher after joining them on May 17, winning 17 and losing 8 despite missing a whole month. The big 23 year old Negro star from Elizabeth, N. J. worked out of turn to clinch the pennant in the last two weeks and was one of the few rookies ever selected to open a World Series.

He came through too, losing a 1-0 heartbreaker when Tommy

Henrich homered in the 9th. He fanned 11 Yanks and walked nine in his duel with Allie Reynolds, one of the most stirring in Series history. He was also selected as one of the NL's pitchers in the All Star game and Manager Southworth, criticized for picking a rookie, was vindicated when Don did the best job of the day for the losers.

Rated by such stars as Stan Musial and Joe DiMaggio as the fastest pitcher in the game today, he also has exemplary control and a

good hard curve and is considered by many the best to come up since Bob Feller. He is remarkably poised for his age. Barring arm trouble he could rate with the greatest hurlers of all time before he is through.

Sievers is a hometown St. Louis product picked up cheap by the Browns. He wound up with a .306 average, hitting 16 homers, one triple, 28 doubles and batting in 92 runs. In addition he is a fine fielder with a good arm. He is 22 and says St. Louis, not for sale.

### on the scoreboard

by lester rodney

#### On a Variety of Topics

FIND IT HARD to believe that sophisticated local bookies were actually taken for a ride on the American League Most Valuable. Story has it that shrewdies who heard it was going to be Williams, a surprise winner, got big bets down and cleaned up. Vote is taken right around end of season, news held up for better sports page break in November. Bookies aren't babes in arms. They know these things, and if not, they make it their business to find out. At least one week before the Williams news became official, the tabulation from the Baseball Writers was lying on my desk marked "For release Friday AM etc." It was common talk around sport circles that Ted had it.

While on this subject, reader Chris Kourambis of Brooklyn reports that business is so slow for the bookies in his neighborhood that they just laid off three cops.

ANOTHER WILLIAMS just got a nod as best. He is Notre Dame's 19-year-old quarterback, Bob, who was voted "Back of the Year" in a poll of sportswriters by United Press. Williams is good. He's so smart and poised out there that he actually calls his own plays in key spots. Most quarterbacks take the key signals from coachie. Much talked about was his daring gamble against North Carolina, flipping a pass on fourth down deep in ND territory, and getting away with it. A statistical count on such plays would show a heavy percentage of success. The flat is open with the ends and close backer ups crashing toward the kicker. It takes nerve, imagination and sureness in passing. Young Mr. Williams patently possesses all three.

RED GRANCE, who played on a pretty fair ballclub himself, says this year's Notre Dame team is "the best college team I have ever seen". . . . On the Army-Notre Dame arguments, which can never be settled by talking and comparative scores, it still should be noted that Army was ecstatic over for beating Navy 32-0 in a game where it went all out all forty minutes, while ND breezed over Navy 46-0 while trying to hold the score down via second stringers and no forward passing. . . . If you haven't noticed, the peerless Jack Kramer has made it 20 out of 24 against young Dick Gonzales. Segura polishes off Parker with the same regularity. What happens next year, promoter Riggs? There's nobody as good as Gonzales left in the amateurs to bring up. . . . CCNY's earnest young Roland LaStarza, an unbeaten heavyweight who hasn't been severely tested yet, tackles a rough one at the Garden tomorrow night in Cesar Brion, crude but hard hitting Argentinian who belted out Bernie Reynolds in the semi to the Charles-Savold match. And he gives away a lot of weight. LaStarza impresses me as a bit too small for title consideration. He has hit the deck against big crude swingers though he's always come back to win. Prediction: He'll do it again this time. But he'd be easy for Charles at this stage and shouldn't let himself be rushed into it because of the lack of attractive, money making matches available in the big field.

LIU'S BASKETBALL team may be out to prove something or other with virtually a six man team and few substitutions. Chatting with assistant Buck Lai of the Brooklyn school the other day and when he said the team was drastically improved over last year I asked him how about the lack of depths. He snorted and pointed to the San Francisco team of last year, a seven man unit, and Kentucky, which gave varsity letters to only seven. With tremendous scoring potential in men like White, Smith, Scherer and Feurtado, the club will pace itself and move the ball down the floor without scrambling helter skelter. . . . CCNY's skinny 6-5 Norm Mager picked up that added, and needed, weight working and playing ball in the Catskills. Co-captain Joe Galiber, who spent four hard (and basketball-less) years in the Army, including a couple under fire with a service outfit in the ETO, feels he has just about regained the looseness of his all scholastic days. Incidentally, he is in line for congratulations. Mrs. Galiber recently gave birth to their first child, a girl.

WONDERING DEPT: Though the title All-American has lost much real meaning, it still carries plenty for the kids who play. So—how many all round high school stars are going to think twice about being consigned to defensive platoons when they notice that only the offensive specialists make the various All Americans? . . .

### LaStarza Sees Win No. 37

Roland LaStarza, the young man who'll be gunning to keep his record unspoiled again Cesar Brion at the Garden tomorrow night, is not deluding himself about the fight game.

"I'm fighting to make money," the good looking former CCNYer seriously says. He has no romantic conceptions about the brutal business of punch and he punched, agrees it's a heck of a way to make a living, but is satisfied with his own progress.

Winner of 36 straight, the smooth muscled young man feels he can make a considerable splash in the heavyweight ranks as long as he stays in shape and holds fast to his ambition to become world's champion.

Roland, or Rollie as his friends call him, is quite confident he can add the hardhitting and equally young and equally well conditioned Brion to his growing list of victims.